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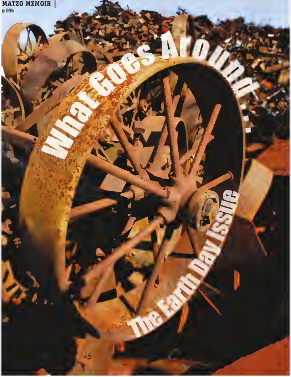

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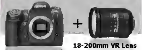

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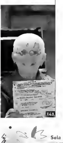

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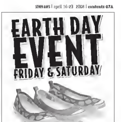

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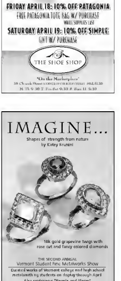

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RUNOFF SENTENCES

I miss Peter Freyne already! At the risk of being one more of Jon Margolis' predicted "innumerable (Progressive) letters to the editor," I'd love to take issue with that replacement political columnist ["The Pollina Problem," March 26].

But rather than engage in the back-and-forth feeding frenzy that his provocative piece on Pollina — the best candidate to run for Vermont governor in at least a generation — has spawned, suffice it to say that if instant runoff voting were being used in the current gubernatorial contest, then that defeatist column of his never gets written.

A protracted debunking of Margolis' fatalistic musings would only hurt both Progressives and Democrats, to the benefit of the Republicans, whose governor just vetoed the IRV/campaign reform bill that state legislatures presented to him. And this is no surprise. For only IRV will end the debate as to which of the two better parties — Progressives or Democrats — Vermonters truly prefer their next governor to emerge from.

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Russell Weis
FLETCHER

MO BETTAH, BRAH

I am currently a student at Saint Michael's College, and it is definitely a different experience ["Hip Hula," April 2].

Like Ken, I am from Hawaii, and the way he spoke about it was perfect. Race has never been an issue. I am blonde-haired, blue-eyed, but I have a brother who is Hawaiian, Chinese, Haole, and everything else under the sun, but we see each other for who we are, not what we look like.

Ken's description made me feel like I was home, especially when he mentioned Sandy's — literally the closest beach to my house.

It was good to read what I have been trying to put into words ever since I came to Vermont. There is no racial divide in Hawaii, just people, and I think everyone should experience that kind of living.

Olivia Spaulding
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RUN, GIRLS, RUN

Kevin J. Kelley missed the point in his review of Madeleine Kunin's book, *Pearls, Politics & Power* ["Leading Lady," April 2]. This book was not a memoir, as is Kunin's first book, *Living a Political Life*, published in 1995. Nor was this book an analysis of Hillary Clinton's vote on Iraq. It is a book to inspire women to run for office. That is why such a diverse group of women are interviewed for this book. Women in all levels of political office, from around the country, took time to tell their stories about the barriers and rewards of a political life.

Kunin did a wonderful job weaving in her own story with those of the women interviewed for this book. While each woman's story is her own, there is a resounding theme in this book encouraging women to "go for it" and run for office.

The number of women in public office is growing; there are women to look to as role models. Kunin and the women interviewed share how they learned to raise money, campaign, win and lose, and deal with conflict. This book looks realistically at being a woman in politics, and it will give hope to any woman who is considering running for office.

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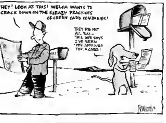
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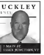
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"New Kids on the (Climate Change) Block" by Mike Ives. Elementary school students from Middlebury march to raise awareness about climate change.

"I Scream, You Scream" by Brian Wallstin. Joe's Snack Bar is open for the season.

"Nutraload... Yum!" by Cathy Resmer. Reporter Mike Ives brings some prison cuisine back to the *Seven Days* office for a taste test.

"Julius Levine Cillo, RIP" by Judith Levine. Columnist Judith Levine pens a moving eulogy to her cat.

"Enough Already" by Brian Wallstin. Our news editor picks apart a letter from a reader who wants to stop schools from showing Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" to students.

"Green Mountain Derby Dames" by Dan Bolles. Watch the local roller derby music video from Jeff Howlett of Howlerman Productions.

"Scary 'Men In Black' Police Movie Premiere" by Cathy Resmer. Burlington blogger Bill Simmon reports on the security surrounding the 'Forbidden Kingdom' screening at the Roxy.

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OMNIVORE [FOOD]

An Orgy of Oysters

I love raw oysters as much as the next gal, and probably more. In fact, not long after sucking down a bunch with James Beard Nominated author Rowan Jacobsen, I realized that cooked oysters no longer do it for me. They lack the subtlety and nuanced flavors of the glistening, opalescent raw shellfish.

But I still have limits. I can imagine eating a couple dozen at one sitting, but 35 dozen? (For the non-mathematically inclined, that's 420 slippery beasts.) That's how many the slim, punky-looking Patrick "Deep Dish" Bertoletti, 22, ate in order to win the Acme World Oyster Eating championship belt. And he did it in eight minutes. Eight! I like to eat, a lot, but I can't even imagine ...

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Posted April 14 by Suzanne Podhaizer

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Extreme Blunder

Here's one for the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" blooper reel.

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Too bad they didn't double check their work on the septic system — the Vitales have now abandoned their new house after the town health officer discovered E. coli in the water running off their property. D'oh!

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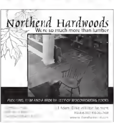

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Times Are Tough – Temporarily? – on Church Street's Top Block

BY PAULA ROUTLY

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April is cruel, all right, but meteorology can't explain why the top block of Church Street currently looks more like poor Plattsburgh than downtown Burlington.

The 6500 square feet recently vacated by Ann Taylor, which has closed 117 stores nationwide, is not the only empty retailing storefront on the northernmost stretch of the pedestrian mall. Adrianas has been empty since last year. Right next door, J. Lemay cleared out at the end of March because the owner says she "saw the writing on the wall." Across the street, North Country Books is in the midst of a going-out-of-business sale and the space occupied by Olympia Sports is for lease. Last month there was even talk of Borders Books & Music putting itself on the market.

Just because a business closed on Church Street doesn't mean we're in a death spiral.

RON REDMOND
DIRECTOR, CHURCH ST. MARKETPLACE

"It's kind of frightening," says Debbie LaFramboise of Sewly Yours, the bridal shop across from the empty Ann Taylor space. Although she just had a banner year — more brides than ever — LaFramboise says people are "making different choices," whether by opting for a more affordable wedding gown or bringing a brown-bag lunch downtown.

The Peace & Justice Store, sandwiched between Adrianas and J. Lemay, is also doing well. But "Oh, my God" is how Manager Kathy Bouton responds to the commercial casualties around her. "It's hard to know what's causing all this."

High rents? Recession? Williston? The cyclical nature of retail economics? Whatever the reason for the concentration of empty storefronts, Church Street Marketplace Director Ron Redmond cautions, "Just because a business closed on Church Street doesn't mean we're in a death spiral."

The top block of Church Street has always been a challenging retail environment. It's never attracted the volume of foot traffic enjoyed by the stretch of stores between College and Cherry streets. Even the lower block of Church, which has only been closed to cars since 2004, has more life — mostly nightlife — than the other end. Despite the business generated by Ben & Jerry's and a fountain designed to draw people to the top block. "There's always been some sort of stigma to it," says J. Lemay's Patty Lesage, who is in the process of securing a new space for her store in Burlington off Church Street. "I've seen people come up and they get as far as Bertha Church, maybe a little further. They glance up and then they'll turn around and leave. I feel like running out my door, flagging them down and saying 'There are more stores up there.'"

These businesses that have hung in on the top block tend to be destination-oriented: Sewly Yours, Le Zot Camera, Bertha Church, P & J Tina's Home Designs. Conversely, retailers that rely on a steady stream of impulse buyers, such as Banana Republic, have left the top block for points south.

There's no consensus among top-block retailers about what it would take to breathe new life into that stretch of Church Street. Bouton calls for more really good restaurants and food vendors. LaFramboise would love to see "something big... like a Pottery Barn or a Crate & Barrel." Lesage says, "I've always thought they need to bring something younger. If they had a Gap or an Abercrombie... do you know how many people that would drag down to that end?"

Everyone has high hopes for the new business going into Adrianas. Landlord Jeff Nick won't say who or what it is — only that it's not a food venture and is "just what the top block needs."

Redmond won't name names either. But he's more than willing to discuss other planned improvements that would benefit the top block, including moving the "transit station" to Pearl Street, adding kid-friendly features to the fountain, and raising the street grade at Cherry Street to create curb-free connectivity between blocks. "You'd be surprised how that affects shopper psychology," Redmond says.

The Marketplace is also looking at public art to draw shoppers north. When it's completed, a statue of the late bluesman "Big Joe" Burrell will live in front of Halvorson's, where he used to play. Redmond wants to build games into the Marketplace's infrastructure "wherever possible," and is considering a life-sized chess set for the street.

Lesage couldn't wait for all that. She decided not to renew her lease at 23 Church at the end of March because she knew Ann Taylor planned to close. It was a preemptive move that surprised her neighbors.

"Where I was situated in the middle of the block, I relied a lot on the people going up to Ann Taylor," she explains. Lesage had designs on the former Learning Express space, but the deal fell apart. So she's decided to move J. Lemay next to Skinny Pancake on the Burlington Waterfront. "Quite frankly," she explains, "it's cheaper rent."

Price is a definite factor in this economy, but so far Church Street still has plenty of takers, according to Redmond. "Whenever there's a vacancy on Church Street, a long line forms," Redmond relates. "Granted, we're headed for tough times, but we continue to be a place people want to come [to]." National chains checking out the market "are amazed at the foot traffic we have. The vitality of downtown — they really like it."

These nationals, which account for 40 percent of Church Street's retailers, have advantages over their local competitors. They can sign longer leases and pay higher rents. But they'll be more exposed if, as many economists expect, the country slips into a recession. "A local business has a lot more control," Redmond says. "We've got CEDO. We've got great local banks. We've got things in place to help our local businesses succeed."

Canadian shoppers might bolster Burlington's bottom line, but no quantity of loonies, it seems, could save Ann Taylor.

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ECONOMY

Activists Urge Residents to Spend Federal Windfall in Vermont

BY MIKE IVES

Rob Williams has never liked nation states. In fact, the newspaper he edits, *Vermont Commons*, has asked Vermonters to consider "peaceably seceding from the United States Empire."

So when Williams receives his "economic stimulus" check from the federal treasury this spring, he won't spend it at a corporate chain or, as George W. Bush has suggested, make a mortgage payment.

He will put it toward his new yak farm.

Not every resident has space for Himalayan mammals, but Williams is hoping that the quarter-million Vermonters receiving stimulus checks this spring will put their money toward something — anything — in Vermont. He estimates that if every Vermonter who receives a check spends it locally, the state would realize about $150 million in added economic activity. To drum up enthusiasm, he and Waitsfield resident Robin McDermott have created a website, keepitinvermont.org, where mindful Vermonters can share their homegrown spending plans.

The campaign's goal was 500 pledges by Tax Day, April 15. Most of those who did pledge — 152 people whose contributions will total approximately $128,007 — promised to spend their windfalls on goods and services produced by local stores, farms and nonprofits. A smaller number say they will use the money to pay off bills or add to their savings.

Steve Hartshorn said he'd put his check back into his business, Hartshorn Farm. So will 10 other Vermonters, who Hartshorn says have pledged to purchase CSA shares from him. That investment would, in turn, help another Vermont entrepreneur, Rob Williams, who plans to partner with Hartshorn Farm in his new yak-raising operation.

Can all this give-and-take add up to $150 million? That's an "unreasonable assumption," says Susan Mesner, an economist at the Vermont Department of Taxes. After all, following the 2001 economic stimulus, only one in five respondents to a nationwide survey said they would spend their check on consumer goods; the majority opted to save it or pay off debt.

Last week a Williston economist told the Associated Press that the "Keep It In Vermont" campaign should be balanced with a respect for "consumers' right to the lowest price." But Williams, a professor of history and media studies at Champlain College, says that argument is plagued by "classic economic double speak."

"I can go to the McDonald's in Barre and pay 99 cents for a Big Mac, or I can walk down to my neighbor's farm and pay $4 a pound for local organic beef," Williams argues. "Now, which is the more viable transaction?"

BY THE NUMBERS

$152 billion — federal stimulus package

$250-300 million — stimulus dollars headed for Vermont

287,000 — Vermonters receiving stimulus checks

$930 — average Vermont stimulus check

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$12,386 — Vermont retail sales per capita (2002)

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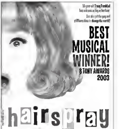

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House Takes Up Senate Bill to Allow Online Access to VT's Criminal Database

BY KEN PICARD

A Vermont Supreme Court justice has come out in favor of a bill that, for the first time, would allow the public to access the state's criminal database over the Internet.

Testifying before the House Judiciary Committee last week, Associate Justice John Dooley urged lawmakers to expand the bill, S.246, to include other kinds of criminal court documents.

The bill, which the Senate approved last month, would allow registered users to search the Vermont Crime Information Center (VCIC) database to conduct criminal background checks. Currently, the database is available only to criminal-justice agencies, researchers and employers of "vulnerable populations," such as schools and nursing homes.

Dooley said he believes S.246 does a good job of balancing the public's right to know with the privacy concerns of crime victims. But, he told committee members, the bill as it stands now creates "an unintentional inconvenience" for people who also want access to criminal case files. Specifically, Dooley wants the state to grant online access to criminal docket sheets, which include a brief description of all the motions, hearings and orders filed in a case, from the initial pleading to the court's final disposition.

Vermont's court records are open to the public, although some proceedings — certain family court matters, mental-competency hearings and cases involving minors — are exempt by statute. State judges also have the prerogative to "seal" documents and pleadings from public view. The Vermont judiciary's website, VTCourtsOnline, has offered Internet access to the docket sheets of civil cases since 2004. The record of criminal court proceedings can only be viewed in person, however.

While everyone has a right to the raw data, cobbling together a person's criminal history is an expensive and time-consuming process with no guarantee of reliability. A statewide criminal background check requires a visit to every district court in Vermont's 14 counties. That explains why more and more background checks are being done by national data-compiling companies. They either purchase their data in bulk from state governments — which Vermont doesn't allow — or employ "stringers" to search the records manually. While the information is available to the public, it often comes at an exorbitant fee.

Allowing electronic web access to criminal case records is opposed by victims' advocates, who point out that docket sheets contain information such as names, addresses and the terms of court orders, that can identify victims. Putting that information online, says Sarah Kenney, public policy coordinator for the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, could compromise victims' safety, violate their privacy and further stigmatize them or their families.

"We think that just having criminal conviction information available through VCIC is the best way to go because it's the most reliable information," Kenney says.

But other interest groups, including the ACLU of Vermont and the Vermont Press Association, contend that since criminal court proceedings are already part of the public record, restricting electronic access creates a double standard for public information.

In written testimony, Allen Gilbert, executive director of the Vermont ACLU, told the House Judiciary Committee that the state's courts accommodated about 15,000 different records requests last year. If, as opponents to greater electronic access fear, the records contained errors, they're already finding their way onto the web. "The way to solve the problem of dirty records is not to hide them," Gilbert argued, "but to open them further so the errors can be identified and corrected."

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Judge Dooley agrees that court records can be "positively sloppy" when it comes to identifying individuals. "There's no guarantee that in the case of a background check," he says, "the name that turns up in a court records is the person being researched."

However, inaccuracies are less likely when the information comes from the VCIC database, said the center's director, Max Schlueter. In addition to name and date of birth, VCIC uses fingerprints and other "triangulation" tools to match a person's identity to the criminal offense.

"The courts' records are there to document the business of the court," Schlueter told lawmakers. "VCIC's records are in the business of documenting the criminal histories of individuals."

And that's a huge undertaking. In 2007, VCIC processed 400,000 criminal justice record checks and 200,000 license record requests despite a limited staff. The process can be very slow — a 10-day wait isn't unusual — which can be a problem for businesses that depend on timely information about potential employees. For example, nursing homes often need to replace workers on short notice in order to maintain state or federal staffing requirements.

Whatever S.246 looks like in its final form, Schlueter's workload is bound to increase. As of July 1, VCIC will lose $200,000 in federal funding, resulting in further staff cuts. That's one reason the Senate bill includes a $30 online user fee.

Schlueter, who opposes the $30 surcharge, claiming it would make Vermont's criminal records system one of the most expensive in the nation, nonetheless hopes the bill will help to curtail the use of unregulated national data-mining firms. And he wants to put background checks more fully in the hands of VCIC, whose business, Schlueter notes, is "data quality." ⊙

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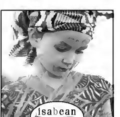

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opinion BY CHERYL HANNA

GETTING PERSONAL ABOUT ENVIRONMENTALISM

Getting Down to Earth

Also see related story, "Girls Gone Earthlings," page 31a.

In the mid 1990s, when I joined the faculty at Vermont Law School, people often asked if I taught environmental law, given the school's national reputation in that area. I used to retort — only partially in jest — that I taught law that was concerned about *people*, not trees. At the time, environmentalism seemed dominated by emotionally detached men fighting over the wild. It struck me as abstract and disconnected from everyday life. In contrast, I was interested in making a meaningful difference in people's lives. I wanted to feel a connection to my work. I certainly cared about the environment, but couldn't get passionate about a wetland.

I clearly wasn't the only one who had a hard time going green. In 2005, two relatively unknown environmentalists, Michael Shellenberger and Ted Nordhaus, wrote a controversial essay entitled "The Death of Environmentalism." In it, they concerned the failure of the movement to meaningfully engage the public. To survive, they argued, environmentalism had to become more relevant to our lives. They noted, "The truth is that for the vast majority of Americans, the environment never makes it into the top 10 things to worry about."

Of course, all that has changed! Americans now seem in a near panic about the natural world. Indeed, environmentalism has been miraculously transformed from a special interest to a creed for modern living. It's no longer a movement about frozen tundra I'll never see, a forest I'll never hike. What I eat, how I travel and where I shop are decisions that affect the fate of the planet. It really *is* "all about me." How empowering is that?

Environmentalism really *is* "all about me." How empowering is that?

The looming energy crisis and concerns over global warming have certainly fueled the nation's growing obsession with going green. But some aspects of the transformation have been more intentional. First, the movement took a lesson from modern feminism by connecting the political to the personal. By doing so, it shed some of its overwhelming maleness.

I've often heard activists comment that women start to identify with eco-concerns once they have children. This was certainly true in my case. I never worried about tap water until my baby started drinking it. Recognizing this opportunity, environmental groups have quite effectively reached out to the new-mom demographic. For example, the Natural Resources Defense Council, highly respected for its environmental litigation, has a webpage devoted to "Living Green." On it, you can find information about eating local and buying smart, and the benefits of taking your kids to the zoo. The site reads like *Ladies' Home Journal* for today's mercury-obsessed parent.

Environmentalism has become a perfect platform for the modern mother's obsession with ensuring her little mini-me out competes her peers. By insisting on organic baby food, cloth diapers and homeopathic cold remedies, Mom isn't a neurotic control freak who has lost her identity. She's an activist who has found her inner Mother Earth.

Some may dismiss the domestification of environmentalism, but that might be what propels the movement's future. No group is likelier to engage in activism than angry moms. If organized mothers could target toxins in toys the same way Mothers Against Drunk Driving targeted alcohol-related fatalities, we would undoubtedly raise our kids in a safer world.

Maybe even more noteworthy than the movement "hitting home" has been its ability to transcend its liberal roots to appeal more broadly, based on a shared sense of moral purpose. Recently, for example, the Vatican included harming the environment in its updated list of mortal sins for a modern age. Along with drug dealing, abortion, genetic engineering, being obscenely rich, pedophilia and causing social injustice, the Church added polluting to the "old" seven deadly sins — pride, envy, anger, sloth, avarice, gluttony and lust. Perhaps the Church hopes to ensure its own survival by engaging in the relevant moral challenges of our time.

The Catholic Church is not alone in embracing environmental principles. The National Religious Partnership for the Environment is an association of faith groups that works to make the environment a religious concern. The consortium achieved some notoriety when it tried to persuade car buyers to forgo SUVs for more fuel-efficient cars with a campaign called "What Would Jesus Drive?" How's *that* for moral persuasion?

No longer is tree hugging associated with left-leaning partisan politics. Once economic degradation is equated with pedophilia, the arguments against an environmental agenda, such as cost-benefit calculations and free-market choices, will seem disingenuous at best, and, at worst, evil. Businesses and politicians certainly won't want to be associated with the Dark Side, and thus may be far more willing to engage in a constructive debate over the choices we face.

When I mentioned to a friend that the Catholic Church has made environmental destruction a sin, she said that it seemed hypocritical for the institution to oppose birth control, as population pressures add to the curse. Her point is well taken, but I suspect there is plenty of hypocrisy to go

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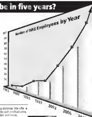

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around. After all, hosting a climate-change conference in far away Bali doesn't do much to reduce the carbon footprint, either. Thus, my point is not to denounce or belittle the greening of religion. Rather, I find it heartening that environmentalism provides a set of unifying moral principles in a world that is increasingly divided over right and wrong. Indeed, modern environmentalism has the potential to unify the globe in a way that no other movement or cause has been able to do.

For many, environmentalism has replaced the role religion once played in daily life. Our commitment to the planet becomes a way in which to evaluate our own virtue and condemn other people's vice. The movement will certainly benefit if individuals find a spiritual connection in preserving the Earth. In a modern world plagued with moral ambiguity, it's comforting to know that one can seek *redemption* simply by choosing paper over plastic. By the same token, who hasn't been plagued by guilt after driving a few blocks to the market on a sunny day?

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Environmentalism preaches a new set of commandments that seem more relevant than does "coveting your neighbor's wife." It becomes attractive to those for whom traditional religion offers little or no guidance. As with traditional religion, however, acting environmentally also means acting on faith — that the choices we make now will someday save the polar bears and humanity born long after our time. By seeking their salvation, we ultimately seek our own.

I think this is a wonderful evolution. When my 4-year-old daughter announces she's going to tell her grandmother not to buy her any more presents because everything she wants can be made from recycling, I can't help but feel we've turned in the right direction. It's inarguably true that the choices each of us — including industries and governments — makes affect the world. Alleviating the real human suffering caused by those choices is the greatest moral challenge of our time. I have tremendous faith that living green is living right, especially if we can avoid the corresponding self-righteousness that flows from our own virtue.

Yet, the environmentalism movement's greatest asset — its ability to be relevant to everyone's lives — is also its greatest liability. It is dangerously close to being a movement that is *only* about me and not meaningfully connected to a larger political and social agenda. Saving the environment is increasingly about *spending* properly — not just on things such as energy-efficient light bulbs, but on such spurious products as vegan rain boots.

A recent Sunday magazine carried an article on how to throw a "green wedding." It encouraged buying a dress made from organic silk and giving party favors such as wild honey (no mention of the current crisis facing the honeybee population). Surely, this is not what Rachel Carson had in mind when she wrote *Silent Spring*. If environmentalism simply alleviates our guilt over excess consumption, then it will have lost its heart and soul.

Unfortunately, we may not be able to prevent capitalist forces from co-opting environmentalism. Just as the true meaning of Christmas has been lost in our out-of-control consumerism, so too could the movement be obscured by companies trying to appeal to the better part of us. We already have ads urging us to be a "Green Samaritan" by buying a high-end efficient washer and dryer, or to save the rain forest by purchasing a certain organic cereal. These products are not necessarily *bad*. It's just that we can so easily delude ourselves into thinking buying green is being green.

Ultimately, environmentalism has to be about not just consumer choices but laws that regulate the free market. The great environmental triumphs of our time, such as the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act, were successful because of the collective will that resulted in the legislation. If we want to lower greenhouse-gas emissions, it's not enough to declare that Jesus would buy a Prius; we have to persuade the powers-that-be to impose stricter standards on the automobile industry and, in the absence of that legislation, be willing to sue. We have to convince, and maybe coerce, countries like China and India to establish and enforce environmental regulations. And we have to be willing to make sacrifices ourselves.

None of this will be easy or without cost, but I'm convinced the alternatives will lead us down a path we don't want to even exist.

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Ben Stein Comes to Burlington — and So Does His Intelligent Design Doc

BY MARGOT HARRISON

Playing a droning teacher in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Ben Stein originated the phrase, "Bueller . . . Bueller?" But it's a safe bet no one will be playing hooky when the actor/comedian/economist/opinion columnist delivers the UVM School of Business Administration's Kalkin Lecture on April 25 in the Ira Allen Chapel.

Stein's talk bears the all-inclusive title "Ben Stein on Life." But as the star of *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*, a documentary debuting April 18 at Burlington's Merrill's Roxy Cinemas, Stein has a clear agenda. The film contends that the scientific establishment has systematically suppressed research into "intelligent design" as an alternative to evolution. Not surprisingly, it has generated heated controversy in advance of its release, including a forceful jab from *Scientific American*.

Given that left-leaning docs such as Michael Moore's are common fare at the Roxy, *Expelled* may seem like an unusual choice. Owner Merrill Jarvis Jr. says the suggestion to program the movie came from UVM, where an assistant in the dean of the business school's office thought *Expelled* would pair well with the upcoming talk. Six days later, citing worries about controversy, the same employee asked Jarvis if he could postpone the film till after Stein's visit.

Reached by phone, business school Dean Rocki-Lee DeWitt says the apparent mixed messages were due to a "miscommunication," and that the concerns about *Expelled* came from "what appears to be an overzealous public relations office." For her part, DeWitt asserts, "I'd rather be in a position to actually see this." She doesn't want students to be "ill-informed about the film" when they approach Stein at his post-lecture Q&A. "We teach critical thinking in the business school."

Jarvis says he never considered delaying or canceling *Expelled*. "I play controversial movies all the time," he points out. "It's not for me to judge who's right or who's wrong."

Jarvis received a couple of other emails asking him to program *Expelled*. One of them came from Phil Romeo, administrator of Williston's Trinity Baptist Church, who says he contacted the Roxy in a non-official capacity. (On the film's website, Christian schools are encouraged to schedule group screenings and present their *Expelled* ticket stubs for a chance to win a $10,000 donation.) Romeo suggests in an email that Stein's movie "may cause some people to begin to question why they believe what they believe."

Jarvis is trying to set up a Roxy Q&A with Stein. "I'm hoping Ben will come to the theater," he says. "It's the right thing for him to do if he's in town." ⑦

Ben Stein's Kalkin Lecture on April 25, 2:30 p.m., is open to the public. Tickets will be available at UVM's Davis Center starting April 19. For info, see www.bsad.uvm.edu.

SPOKEN WORD

Burlington Native Returns with Tales of Condom Riots and Colonialism

BY KIRK KARDASHIAN

It's been a long, strange trip for Evan Schein since he graduated from Burlington High School in 1967. He left town to study drama and writing at the University of Iowa, did post-Beat experimental theater in Berkeley, taught drama in the projects of Chicago, and traveled to Europe, Tijuana and Ethiopia. What he's become, besides the director of the Arts Council for Chautauqua County in Jamestown, N.Y., is a sort of unofficial professor of what he calls "artsonomics." That is, the study of bartering creativity for resources.

Take, for example, the topic of *MYethIOPIA*, Schein's upcoming solo performances in Burlington and Hardwick: his experiences forming and directing the Awassa AIDS Education Circus (now called One Love Theater). That's a troupe of street kids in southern Ethiopia who use their gymnastic, dance and drama skills to deliver HIV/AIDS awareness messages. They've performed for hundreds of thousands of people in markets and refugee camps all over the country, garnering enough attention and money to start the Awassa Children's Project. That umbrella organization supports two NGOs in Awassa — an orphanage for children who have lost their parents to AIDS, and the One Love Theater.

Isn't there an easier way to reach a large population than putting on shows in marketplaces? Well, in Ethiopia, not really. "In a country without TV or radio," explains Schein, "where 50 percent of the people still don't have electricity, how are you going to get information across? In the markets. And how are you going to do it? Live performance."

Schein, now 58, first traveled to Ethiopia in 2002; at the time, he was directing theater programs for children in the Chicago projects. Some German friends were already in Ethiopia, working with the predecessor to One Love Theater and feeding and educating the kids of Awassa. But they needed money for supplies and tuition. "So they contacted me and said, 'So vat shall we do with zeese children?'" Schein relates in a mock-German accent.

He had heard of a lucrative, effective AIDS awareness program in Uganda, so he recommended focusing the kids' acrobatic talents on AIDS education through theater. The Germans invited Schein to Ethiopia; within three days of his arrival in Addis Ababa he had raised enough to get the program going.

Schein has worked with the likes of Whoopi Goldberg and won Hollywood Drama-logue Awards, but he says nothing compares to the primal authenticity of street theater. "You go right back to ritual and marketplace stuff, with donkeys and camels and thousands of people and singers and musicians," he says. "There are no critics, no parking problems; there is no recording contract, no wine-and-cheese reception after the show. It's real."

THREE KIDS ON UNICYCLE, ONE LOVE AIDS/HIV AWARENESS THEATER, AWASSA STREET PERFORMANCE

So real, in fact, that he and his performers were nearly trampled to death by a riotous crowd seeking condoms. That's just one of the mishaps Schein presents in his performance, and it gets to the meaning of the show's title, a conflation of the words "myopia" and "Ethiopia." In the performance, he moves back and forth in time to highlight the unavoidable naiveté of a well-intentioned American in a foreign culture "who realizes with each trip that he knows less and less."

With time, though, Schein says he learned to accept the inscrutability and injustice of a land so different from his home, a place where the cost of feeding a hungry family for three months was equal to the price of his sneakers. "At first you go, 'Oh, this is terrible, this is awful, and oh, my God.' And then you go, 'Hey, that's how it is, man. Let's go rehearse.'" ⑦

MYethIOPIA will be performed on Friday, April 18, at Burlington City Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m., presented by Burlington College (862-9616); and on Monday, April 21, at the Hardwick Town House, at 7 p.m. (472-3709).

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THEATER

A Trio of Local Playwrights Use Personal Ads as Inspiration

BY [illegible]

LEFT TO RIGHT: MIA ADAMS, WENDI STEIN, BEN ASH

According to the *People's Almanac*, the first personal ad was published in 1727 by *The Manchester Weekly Journal* — Manchester, England, that is — and submitted by a woman named Helen Morrison. It drew a response, sure enough, but from the Lord Mayor of the city, who found such bold self-assertion not just unladylike but criminal. He confined Morrison to a lunatic asylum for four weeks.

To anyone who has tapped his or her knee nervously against the bar at the Daily Planet, awaiting the arrival of a personals blind date, an asylum might not seem such a bad place, really. The safe distance of the word exchange is about to dissolve; the flesh-and-bone part of the show about to begin.

Burlington writers **Chris Caswell**, **Marianne DiMascio** and **Geeda Searfoorce** also recognize power in the personals, not so much in their immediate results as in the stories and characters such spare bits of copy can convey. They culled ads from sources such as the *Harvard Review*, trekpassions.com and *Seven Days* and used them as inspiration for *Seeking...*, a romantic comedy that will premiere at the Waterfront Theatre on April 23 for a four-night run. A collection of encounters with wildly disparate outcomes, the play is set in Burlington and combines scenes of searing discomfort and cavernous conversational silences with real tenderness. Which is pretty much par for the course on a decent blind date.

"I was torn between two subjects when the three of us sat down to discuss writing a play," DiMascio says. "It was either going to be about nuns or personal ads."

"I mean, both topics are so rich," Caswell adds, laughing. "But we actually found that personals really are these amazing stories in and of themselves. They are an endless source of character inspiration, from who finds whom hot at the checkout line in City Market... to someone posting an 'I Spy' just to say how pissed off they are that someone smashed into their car... to simple naked need. They are a gold mine."

Ads may be a vein of good material, but it was worth asking just how liberally one can crib from actual personals copy. DiMascio is quick to point out that the women's sources were "for inspiration only. We'd get a place like a coffee shop from one ad, a random sighting on the street from another. It's all a blend."

The trio was confident they had a great idea, but had no backing or venue. So they applied for — and received — a New Art Space Assistance (N.A.S.A.) Grant from the **Flynn Center**. After a well-received work-in-progress show on February 15 at the FlynnSpace, the script for *Seeking...* was tightened up and some of its more improvisational elements edited. Jenn Jarecki, also of Burlington, was brought on board to direct.

"A four-night run is all we can handle financially and emotionally right now," Caswell adds. "But we all hope that this is not the end. Even though the play is set in Burlington, I think we can take it on the road just fine. Anyone who has read the personals with half the fascination we have... they'll plug right in." ⓢ

Seeking... will be performed April 23-26 at the Waterfront Theatre in Burlington, 8 p.m. $12. Tickets, www.flynntix.org or 863-5966, or at the door on performance nights.

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Tea and flashbacks? Maybe not. But '60s survivors may still want to stage a sit-in — politely, of course — at **Dobrá Tea** in Burlington this Wednesday, April 16, when local author **Laban Hill** reads from his latest book, *America Dreaming: How Youth Changed America*, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Though it's intended as a young-adult book, the vibrant volume also provides a trip, er, step back in time for members of the Woodstock generation. Hill's appearance is part of Dobrá's monthly open mike/reading series, held the third Wednesday of every month... If a picture says a thousand words, what does the same photo taken 20 years later say? Award-winning *National Geographic* photojournalist **Steve McCurry** got to find out: His famous 1984 image "Afghan Girl," of a sad but luminous child in a refugee camp, took on extra poignancy when he was able to locate and photograph her again 20 years later. This Sunday, April 20, at **Middlebury College's** Dana Auditorium, McCurry gives a free talk aptly titled "Unveiling the Face of War," at 4:30 p.m. ... Peek through the windows or come inside! That's the invitation from local choreographer **Lynn Ellen Schimoler** and the **FlynnArts Dance Company**. They'll be hosting an open rehearsal of Schimoler's new work "Twilight" this Sunday, April 20, at 4 p.m. Vermont drummers Brandon Klarich, Andrew Sutts and William Noel will keep the beat.

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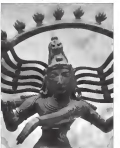
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BY ROLAND SWEET

ODD, STRANGE, CURIOUS AND WEIRD BUT TRUE

Curses, Foiled Again While sitting in an unmarked vehicle on a stakeout to catch an arsonist in Lambertville, Mich., sheriff's Detective Thomas Redmond reported the 17-year-old suspect approached the vehicle carrying a bucket, unscrewed the gas cap and started siphoning gas. Redmond got out of the car and arrested the youth, who admitted to five arsons.

- Kenneth Cooper, 46, stole a purse from a middle-aged woman in Lewisham, England, only to be spotted and pursued by an off-duty detective. The *Times* reported that Cooper ran headlong into a busload of police officers on a neighborhood crime-prevention exercise. They joined the chase, which ended when Cooper ran into a shopping arcade and security guards, whom police had alerted. Cooper was detained, and the purse returned to his victim: Justice Minister Bridget Prentice.
- Cash Burch, 24, broke into a truck in Waterloo, Iowa, but police had no trouble catching him because when they arrived, he was locked inside. Mark Lauters, owner of the Ford Explorer, said Burch could not get out because the vehicle has an anti-theft device that locks the doors when the battery loses power. Lauters said Burch wore down the battery trying to start the Explorer. Police opened the door from the outside and charged Burch with burglary.

What Could Go Wrong? Dutch inventors unveiled a robot gas-station attendant fitted with multiple sensors that adjust its arm to vehicles' different fuel cap designs and fuel types. It sells for $111,100. "I was on a farm and I saw a robotic arm milking a cow," said Nico van Staveren, who developed the car-fueling robot. "If a robot can do that, then why can't it fill a car tank, I thought."

- Speaking at a conference on technology in wartime at California's Stanford University, where scientists debated their social responsibility for the destruction their inventions might cause, Ronald Arkin, director of the Mobile Robot Laboratory at the Georgia Institute of Technology, insisted that with the proper ethical controls, robotic soldiers could be more humane than human soldiers because they would not act out of rage in the heat of combat. "We could reduce man's inhumanity to man through technology," Arkin declared.

Side Effects Charged with exposing himself in public in Rochester, Minn., Michael Lynn Shirk Heath, 52, pleaded guilty but blamed restless leg syndrome. He told Olmsted District Judge Robert Birnbaum one of the side effects of his medication is increased sexual desire.

- A drug used to treat impotence could help fighter pilots perform better at high altitudes, according to Israeli military researchers. The official military magazine *Bamahaneh* reported they based their recommendation on a study of mountain climbers scaling Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro that found tadalafil, the active ingredient in Cialis that increases blood flow, helped climbers ward off fatigue and dizziness at higher elevations.

Second-Amendment Follies Officials investigating the shooting death of Patty Long, 34, in Deepwater, Mo., said that her husband fired the fatal shot while trying to install a satellite TV system in the bedroom of their home. After several unsuccessful attempts to punch a hole through the exterior wall with various tools, Ronald Long used a .22-caliber handgun to fire two shots at the wall. The second hit his wife, who was in another room.

- US Airways placed pilot James Langenhahn on leave after his gun fired on a flight from Denver to Charlotte, N.C., while he was trying to secure the weapon and land the airplane at the same time. The incident was the first time a pilot's weapon has been fired on a plane under a program created after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to allow pilots to carry firearms.

Size Matters Nearly half of the British men asked what they were willing to do without in return for a 50-inch plasma TV answered sex. The survey by electronics retailer Comet found 47 percent of the 2000 men would give up sex for six months, compared with just over a third of the women. A quarter of the people said they would give up smoking, roughly the same proportion willing to forgo chocolate.

When Guns Are Outlawed When Joe Scola, a restaurant owner in Gloucester, Mass., saw a man running away with an armload of meat from the restaurant's freezer, he ran after him. After catching up with him and starting to take back the meat, Scola said the thief raised a 5-pound leg of frozen prosciutto above his head as if to use it as a weapon. The restaurant owner had a frozen ham in his hand and hit the man in face with it. Stunned, the thief dropped the rest of the meat and fled.

2008: A Space Oddity During his free time on the International Space Station, Japanese astronaut Takao Doi, 53, "threw a boomerang and saw it come back," an official at the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said. The newspaper *Mainichi Shimbun* reported the astronaut, who threw the boomerang at the request of Yasuhiro Togai, a world boomerang champion, said he was "very surprised and moved to see it flow the same way as it does on Earth."

Help Me Help Myself Graham Calvert, 28, filed suit against British bookmaking firm William Hill for $4 million he claims he lost on bets after asking the bookmaker not to let him bet again. The Wearside resident said he had an account with William Hill but told them it was too easy to gamble and said he requested to be "self-excluded" from placing bets. A few months later, he opened a new account in his own name and subsequently lost the $4 million.

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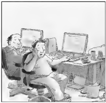

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ALL WORTHWHILE HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

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Derek

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It could be worse. If your place is built flimsily enough, it's not just the bass you're subjected to — long ago I briefly resided in a building where I could hear the guy next door cranking Zeppelin as clearly as if the speakers were mounted inside my mouth. But even when the walls are doing a decent job, yep, it's those bass lines that tend to burrow unmolested through all intervening barriers and straight into the deepest reaches of the brain.

What makes the low end of the audio frequency spectrum especially invasive? There are a few key concepts in play here:

- *Attenuation.* Everyone knows intuitively — it barely counts as an observation — that sounds get weaker (i.e., become attenuated) as they travel farther from their source. But why? Much of it is scattering and absorption. A sound wave passing through any medium — air, say, or drywall — does so by causing the medium's molecules to vibrate. Scattering is the extent to which the wave gets fragmented and redirected upon striking an obstacle in its path. (Picture ripples on the surface of a pond breaking into subripples when they encounter a rock or stick poking out of the water.) Absorption is the drop in volume caused by energy lost in the form of heat — the result of making all those molecules move around. And the effects of both scattering and absorption increase with the frequency of the wave — the higher the frequency, the greater its tendency to die out. Thus the treble and midrange sounds coming from your neighbor's apartment get scattered and absorbed more thoroughly as they pass through the various matter surrounding it, leaving the big dumb low-end waves to lumber along till they find you.

- *Directionality.* Another property of low-frequency waves is that they're less directional — they're more prone to spreading out uniformly from wherever they originate. Though your neighbor may have his speakers pointed straight at his head, it's mainly the higher frequencies that actually go where they're aimed; the low ones are more likely to leak all over the place.

- *Resonance.* If the frequency and volume are right, sound waves can cause entire objects to vibrate sympathetically — surely you've heard those souped-up car stereos that turn their host vehicles into gigantic joy buzzers. Because of their relatively large mass, things like walls and floors resonate more at low frequencies than at high ones, and thus can help to pass the bass notes along, particularly if the speaker is touching the potentially resonant surface. Long-term resonance can be pretty destructive: thanks in part to vibrations caused by the wind that regularly swept over it, in 1940 the old Tacoma Narrows Bridge shook itself to pieces and collapsed into Puget Sound.

The good news is there are plenty of ways to cut down on the low-end sound coming into your unit. The bad news is they all involve some fairly serious rehabbing. You could pump the empty spaces inside the walls full of state-of-the-art insulation; you could mount your wall panels on flexible spacers, or try multiple plasterboard layers glued together with resin adhesive. Hell, you could put in new walls made of eight-inch concrete block. Assuming you're in no position to proceed along such lines, though, the options quickly dwindle to band-aid remedies. You might consider some tweaks in decor — e.g., cultivate a fondness for thick textile wall hangings.

Low-frequency noise is weird stuff. Years back I noted that infrasound — sound pitched below the hearing range of most humans, which stops at around 20 Hertz — can cause dizziness. Some recent research suggests it may do more than that. After taking spectrum analysis readings at a couple of UK sites repeatedly described by visitors as "haunted," Vic Tandy and Tony Lawrence of Coventry University have argued that the presence of 18.9 Hz infrasound is responsible for the creepy feelings described. (In one case they concluded that a terrifying, seemingly paranormal experience of Tandy's had likely resulted from the whirring of a laboratory extractor fan causing his eyeballs to resonate.) And in 2003, the use of 17 Hz infrasound at London concerts of experimental electronic music correlated with audience reports of unusual experiences, including nausea, momentary anxiety, tingling, and a sense of coldness. Ideally, Derek, by the time your neighbor has traded his bass for an ultra low-end tone generator, one of you will have found someplace else to live.

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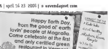
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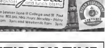
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PAY THE COST OF FREEDOM

I can't figure out which is worse — the fact that, as a very first time reader, I figured I would find some liberal mutterings or that you have a picture and article about a criminal ["In Vermont, War Tax Resistance Dies Hard," April 2].

Not paying your taxes isn't a choice in this country and her father who is probably dead would be mortified. Doesn't she get it that her father fought to protect her freedom of speech and promote democracy in the world? That gives her the right to an opinion, not a choice to break the law.

She should be arrested, not published. No wonder Vermont is only known for its radical politics and cats.

Paul Walsh
RUTLAND

PROGRESSIVE REGRESSION?

"Inexperience" is a funny word and it was commonly thrown around in your article "Rocking the Vote?" [April 9] by Mike Ives, which features Representatives Rachel Weston, David Zuckerman and Christopher Pearson and newcomer to politics Kesha Ram, a UVM senior.

Personally, I don't mind the inexperience label that is being leveled at Kesha. It means that she brings an "outsiders" perspective to issues. She is not part of the Montpelier establishment and is not tainted by party interests. I know because I work with Kesha everyday at UVM with SGA Senators and now, with her as SGA President, as her Chairman on the Committee on Legislative Action, which deals with community, state and federal relations.

I know that Kesha will be a dedicated voice for students and working families because of her support for higher education, sustainable economic development and green jobs.

I am really perplexed as to why some people in the Progressive Party are so bothered by the simple idea of a race to serve in the House of Representatives. No one is entitled to these House seats. More voices and more ideas in a campaign are good for democracy and the district will be well served by a debate.

Remember, Kesha may be "inexperienced" in the views of the Montpelier insiders, but so was a young UVM senior who ran for the House and won and he is currently our state representative (ed. note: David Zuckerman). So let's keep the conversation going and let's talk about the issues.

Scott McCarty
BURLINGTON

IT'S KESHA TIME!

In the article "Rocking the Vote?" [April 9], Progressive politicians bemoan the fact that they have a strong woman challenging them this year.

Kesha Ram is currently the UVM Student Body President, and is a powerful advocate for the students she currently represents as well as the Burlington residents she has worked with on student community and environmental issues. She currently serves on the Mayor's Environmental Council, and has worked with community nonprofits such as Neighbor Keepers on environmental justice and poverty relief.

The UVM population she was elected to represent actually outnumbers the population of the district for which she is running, so Progressive hatchet man Steve Hingtgen is dead wrong when he claims that she is "very inexperienced." She has led UVM students with passion, conviction and dedication, addressing complex issues and enfranchising students that had not previously had a voice in the campus community.

While Rep. Zuckerman claims that Kesha's campaign is a waste of "civic energy," nothing could be further from the truth. An uncontested election means that civic energy is wasted because voters do not get to choose the person that will best represent them in Montpelier.

Many students do not look at this as a fight between Democrats and Progressives but as an opportunity to have the voice of Vermont's Next Generation heard loud and clear when, up until now, it has been lost. Kesha's candidacy is democracy in action, and it's about time.

Eddy Foster
BURLINGTON
Foster is president of the UVM College Democrats

A BEEF ABOUT DESSERT

I would encourage your food writer to become more familiar with commonly used food terminology so errors such as the one last week in the review of Pho Hong do not occur ["Taste Test," April 2].

The review that showcased the writer's ignorance of Vietnamese food (the beef balls in Viet Nam are always that consistency, the beef is indeed rare before being added to the soup and the other pieces of beef are tendon, another traditional Vietnamese ingredient) included a glaring error in the final paragraph. The single dessert, coconut sticky rice with fresh mango, another traditional dish, has never been caramelized, either in Viet Nam or in Burlington. Sticky rice is steamed and mixed with sweetened coconut milk and served alongside slices of fresh mango.

It is frustrating to read reviews of restaurants that do not accurately convey the food that is served there.

Serena Hollmeyer
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A CABBIE'S REAR VIEW

Soft Eyes

Let's say you're an event planner for an environmental organization. A big meeting has been scheduled, and the question is location. Where to hold it? How about Vermont?

This is a scenario that must play out in boardrooms across the country, because if I've driven one professional tree hugger, I've driven a thousand. These environmental types just love to gather in Vermont. We are, after all, the *Green* Mountain state.

Sitting next to me, fresh from a Middlebury conference sponsored by the Nature Conservancy, was Doris Huang. She was short — tiny, really — with wispy shoulder-length hair and oversized round glasses. It sounds terrible to say, but she reminded me of the cute, pugnacious chicken hawk of Looney Tunes fame — the pint-sized would-be hunter who is schooled by the droll and cynical Foghorn Leghorn. I spent half my childhood glued to the television set, consumed by Looney Tunes cartoons. So, to this day, people I encounter often bring to mind one of those vivid animated characters.

What I really liked about Doris was her intensity, which was evident in the mere 20 minutes we'd been chatting. For this woman, life was not a dress rehearsal; it was the real thing. I'm drawn to pretty, petite, passionate women; I even married one.

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"So, what exactly is your job at the Nature Conservancy?" I asked as we sped north on Route 7, bumping over the train tracks at New Haven Junction. I should have slowed down, but I never do.

"I'm based in Hong Kong, representing the organization in all of China. Since 1997, of course, Hong Kong is again officially part of China."

"Is that where you grew up?"

"It is. I'm a true Hong Kong girl. My family has lived there since the Communist Revolution."

"Have you been in environmental work all your adult life?"

"No. Until a few years ago, I was a dealer in contemporary Chinese art."

"Wow. I've never really thought about *modern* Chinese painting. I suppose artistic expression has been severely restricted under communist rule."

"Yes, that is the case, but you know the artistic spirit." Doris paused for a chuckle. "There is always a way to weave political content into a work of art. You just have to view the painting with soft eyes to see it."

We cruised for a while in comfortable silence. In Ferrisburgh, the Dakin Farm Store had a giant inflatable maple-syrup bottle sitting on the front lawn just outside its little demo sugarhouse. *Maple syrup redeems the mud season*, I thought, grinning.

I restarted the conversation. "Do Chinese folks actually give money to a charity like yours?"

"That's a big issue for us in the Hong Kong office," she replied. "Philanthropy is a different animal in China. Chinese people *are* generous, but giving traditionally takes place on a village level. It's not that NGOs are unheard of, but they are not very active. The government tends to discourage, let's say, any competing centers of influence and power. Things are changing, though — slowly but steadily."

Before Shelburne Museum, I took a right to avoid Shelburne Road traffic. The truth is, since the completion of the road expansion project, major back-ups are largely a thing of the past. Still, it's more scenic, if not faster, to approach the airport via the back roads.

"Hey, I didn't ask you," I said, "but why the switch from art to a career in environmentalism?"

"That's an easy question," Doris replied with a soft laugh. "I did it for my spirit. This work — helping to preserve the natural environment for future generations — it expresses my character in a way that the art business never could. I'm a happier person now."

Doris' candor was refreshing. Inspiring, too. It seems to me that more and more people are taking up the philosopher Joseph Campbell's much-quoted exhortation to "follow your bliss." That has to be a positive development, not only on a personal level but for the planet. The individual expression of the soul and the collective movement for global healing go hand in glove.

As we approached the airport, the nosy cabdriver had one final question. "Doris, if you don't mind my asking, what did your parents think about your dramatic career change?"

"My *parents*," Doris responded, pausing again with that wonderful laugh, "they already thought I was completely weird to go into the art world. Even before then, really. I'm just not your typical Chinese girl. So when I quit that to join the Nature Conservancy, their attitude was just... Well, that's our Doris. They're still waiting for their first grandchild, and I just refuse to get with *that* program."

If I had a moment to speak with this mother and father, I fantasized, I would encourage them to drop their expectations and experience the actual woman standing before their eyes: a world citizen of the first order. Their Doris, they would see, is a jewel of a daughter.

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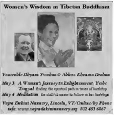

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Long Haul

A garbage connoisseur leads the charge toward "zero waste"

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Just outside downtown Montpelier, at 137 Barre Street, sits an elegant, baby-blue 1898 Victorian with a rickety porch. The building looks like a home, but a sign beside the doorway reads, "Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District."

In the kitchen, just above the coffee maker, a small paper note has been tacked to a cabinet. "Your mother does not work here," it reads. "Please pick up after yourself." It's a subtle reminder that the mother of all mothers — the planet Earth — can't continue to absorb the byproducts of today's consumer-driven society, and that Vermonters should be taking a more critical look at their consumption patterns.

Indeed, the average Vermonter produced about a ton of municipal solid waste in 2005, more than two-thirds of which was stuffed into state landfills or incinerated. As the state's second-largest solid waste management district, CVSWMD is charged with reducing that mountain of refuse by helping its 60,000 customers — homeowners, businesses and schools — better manage their garbage and recycling.

Since 2001, CVSWMD has sought to go one giant step further by pursuing a strategy aimed at not just reducing the district's solid waste, but eliminating it all together. That makes CVSWMD the only waste-management district east of the Mississippi and one of the largest in the country with a "zero waste" plan.

While the goal is daunting, the theory behind zero waste is simple: By finding new uses for many of the items that end up in landfills — metal, electronics, furniture — communities can shrink their environmental footprints, save money and create new, "greener" industries built on the recovery of everyday waste. Earlier this month, zero waste topped *Newsweek* magazine's list of the 10 top "fixes for the planet."

Since launching the initiative, CVSWMD has sponsored periodic waste collection days for "electronic waste," paint and batteries. The district is also helping schools, businesses and residents compost their food scraps, rather than tossing them in the trash. And a "biosolids" committee is currently setting up a program for the safe disposal of unwanted medication.

At this stage, says CVSWMD Executive Director Donna Barlow Casey, there is no data available to document the progress of the campaign, which is still in "vision process" mode. But Barlow Casey, 52, claims central Vermont is an ideal place for a zero waste initiative.

For one thing, most of the state's big environmental groups are headquartered down the road from the district's headquarters. One of them, Toxics Action Center, was a key partner during the early planning stages. Another, the Vermont Public Interest

Research Group (VPIRG) that lobbied for "e-waste" legislation that CVSWMD supports.

Since 2004, nearby Vermont Compost Co. has been turning food scraps from Montpelier High School into compost, which students use to seed lettuce in a school greenhouse. Tom Sabo, a young biology teacher who oversees the process, says it helps students understand how "waste equals food."

That's the idea, notes Barlow Casey on a recent afternoon in her office kitchen. "If we create a society in which it's common place to accomplish this work, then children will automatically be raised to [compost]," she asserts. "That's better than telling them to do something that adults aren't doing."

But not everyone in the solid waste world is keen on the zero waste idea. Tom Moreau, general manager of the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD), agrees that Vermont needs to throw out less, but suggests Barlow Casey's plan is long on practical solutions.

Moreau's district, serving more than 150,000 customers, is the largest in the state. It has been a major bankroller of sustainable initiatives since 1987, including providing early backing for Intervale Compost Products. The Chittenden district resells the bulk of the used paint it recovers, and it subsidizes collection of used compact fluorescent bulbs. It also operates on "ReUse Zones," where residents swap items such as furniture, bikes and books.

Moreau takes issue with CVSWMD's reliance on grant funding, as opposed to the more sustainable business model, to accomplish its goals. Ultimately, Moreau says, it's results that count, and Barlow Casey has yet to produce any.

"Zero-waste advocates," Moreau says, "lack some real world, putting-it-on-the-streets experience."

While she shares the same job title as Moreau, Barlow Casey takes a different approach to solid waste management. Formerly in marketing, she's wary of using industry-speak to bring about change in consumer behavior patterns. Instead, she bases her outreach on theories gleaned from pop-sociology treatises such as Malcolm Gladwell's *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*.

Her staffers are a creative bunch: Cathy Dombrowski, CVSWMD's communications manager, is a freelance editor; Dennis Sauer, who used to run the recycling program, is a former organic farmer. "You don't need a bureaucrat to invent a cutting-edge organics program," says Barlow Casey, who favors orange shoes and dangly earrings. "You need somebody who's able to take risks, but be orderly and have good attention to detail."

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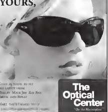

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solid-waste priorities. The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is in the midst of creating a "Center for Climate Change and Waste Reduction." But Barlow Casey claims state and local governments should be pushing more "front-end" solutions to waste problems. That could include something called "extended producer responsibility," levying higher trash-disposal fees on manufacturers and businesses as an incentive to demand more reusable, or at least better made, goods from suppliers.

In the meantime, "zero waste" is catching on by degrees. In 2006, CVSWMD created the first inter-district partnership with nearby Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District. With a grant from the USDA, the two districts are composting together at the Highfields Institute in Hardwick. NEKWMD is also distributing "green cones" — residential compost receptacles first introduced by Barlow Casey's district in 2005.

Zero waste campaigns are long overdue, says NEKWMD Executive Director Paul Tomasi. "A lot of people say, 'Well, zero waste is just pie-in-the-sky; you'll never get there,'" Tomasi says. "But the question becomes, 'What level of waste are you comfortable with?'"

On a recent evening at Vermont College in Montpelier, Gary Liss, founder of the National Recycling Coalition and a world-renowned zero waste consultant, put that very question to about 30 local residents.

"Zero?" a few people said.

"*How* much waste are you for?"

"Zero," they repeated.

"I don't think the students out there heard you," replied Liss, a short, skinny man whose suit was too big for his body. "*How much waste are you for?*"

"ZERO!"

Liss smiled. "That's what we call the force of zero. And it's with us."

And not a moment too soon, apparently. Vermont's two major landfills, in Coventry and Moretown, already collect over half a million tons of trash each year. Meanwhile, methane gas, a major landfill byproduct, is busy aiding and abetting global warming. And, contrary to the state's green reputation, Vermont diverts less of its solid waste from landfills and incinerators than the nation's average diversion rate.

Despite fierce opposition from a grassroots citizens' group, Moreau and the Chittenden district want to address the problem in an old way — with a new landfill in Williston. For Moreau, who testified on compost legislation last week at the Statehouse, the facility represents the kind of real world solution that zero-waste advocates will never understand.

Barlow Casey, for her part, contends that Moreau doesn't understand the "creative" approach to solid waste management. Although it's "softer" than what Moreau is used to, Barlow Casey believes her approach will eventually produce a sea change in consumption patterns — and that, someday, she'll have the hard data to prove it.

"A real world solution is not a solution that pollutes, changes the climate and wastes resources," she says. "That's an old world solution — a world, we've learned already, that is not working."

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Heavy Metal

As natural resources dwindle, Vermont's scrap yards find business booming

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In an infamous 1989 article in *Harper's* author Tom Wolfe referred to the world as the "billion-footed beast." That metaphor is colorful, but these days it's far from accurate. With about 6.6 billion people on the planet, humanity is closer to a 13-billion-footed beast — and growing larger every day. Census estimates indicate that the human population will reach nine billion by 2050. All those people will need a place to live, a place to work, and transport between them. In other words, they'll be ravenous for metal — steel for cars and buildings, iron for boilers and frying pans, copper for wiring and pipes, aluminum for bicycles and cans, and on and on. But where will they get it, and at what cost? As the Earth's resources become more difficult and pricey to retrieve, the "beast" is increasingly looking to scrap-metal collectors — the progenitors of recycling — to satisfy its bottomless appetite.

This is no secret. Copper is trading at a record $4 per pound on the New York Mercantile Exchange's Comex Division. If you bring a ton of No. 1 Steel to a scrap yard today, you'll get a check for $210; last year you might have taken home only $130 for the same weight. The booming market has spun off its own cottage industry of thieves, who haven't the slightest compunction about shimmying under a car with a Sawzall to swipe the catalytic converter for its platinum, or cutting copper pipes from vacant hunting camps, or ripping lead roofs off churches in rural England.

These are the bizarre side-effects of Asia's economic growth. They're also evidence of the fluidity of global markets, where an Indian's desire for an automobile of her own spells frantic days at Mac Steel, a scrap yard in Vermont.

Mac Steel is a third-generation scrap yard located on 50 acres north of Rutland. Drive toward Pittsford too quickly and you're liable to miss the simple square sign on a cyclone fence.

An Indian's desire for an automobile of her own spells frantic days at Mac Steel in Rutland.

David Mac, a Holocaust survivor from Poland who immigrated to the United States through Ellis Island, bought the land in 1953 when it was just a farm. To support his family, he drove around Vermont in a pickup truck, buying and selling junk and scrap.

Now the father-and-son team of Irv and Josh Mac run the operation. They have desks a few feet apart in the small, shack-like office at the "front of the house," the area closer to Route 7 where sagging trucks are weighed in and new steel gets hauled out. Irv is in his sixties, with a bushy gray beard and deep-set eyes; if you can imagine Tolstoy in a thermal Carhartt sweatshirt, that's Irv. Above his no-frills metal desk hangs a warning to newcomers: "Don't ask if we're busy. We're too busy to answer your question."

Josh, 34, has a more modern look, with short dark hair, a two-day growth on a tanned complexion and sunglasses stowed above his brow. He has decorated his office with an antique advertisement declaring "Guinness for Strength" that shows a sprightly lad balancing a gargantuan steel I-beam on his head. When I meet Josh on a Monday morning, he looks a lot less chipper than the guy on the poster. We step outside, and I ask him what's wrong. The usual: He's been here since 5 a.m. loading scrap into 30-yard containers. The kicker: Josh spent the weekend replacing his roof, hauling 80-pound bags of shingles up a ladder with an injured back.

In the yard's division of labor, Irv's domain is the front of the house. This is because he's an engineer by training and can help contractors find what they need inside one of two corrugated metal hangars. One of those stores new steel for sale: sheet stock, 4-by-8-foot pieces for autobody work, flashing, angles, channels, and so on. It comes, Josh says, from "anywhere there's open trading between the U.S. and other countries that produce steel. It could be Israel, South Africa, it could be Canada, the U.S., Brazil, Sweden or Finland." This is lighter-gauge, non-structural steel, which usually contains about 30 percent recycled material.

Steel is the most recycled substance in the U.S. and the world, but the recycled content in a given piece depends on its intended use. Structural steel, as in beams for bridges and spans for buildings, is usually made with 95 percent recycled material. Manufacturing recycled steel is accomplished by melting down prepared scrap in an electric arc furnace, a process that requires one quarter of the energy needed to fashion steel from virgin iron ore and coke. That energy savings, combined with a drastically reduced environmental impact, makes scrap the apple of the steel maker's eye.

The price of new steel tends to follow the price of scrap. Right now, Mac is paying high prices for scrap from small-time peddlers, which means that big steel makers are paying a lot for the scrap Mac collects. But it all comes back around when Mac buys new steel, such as the "long stock" — beams and pipes for large jobs — that's lying off to the side of the new steel hangar. Mac's inventory of this expensive steel is low right now, and most of what's here, growing a little rusty under a hard blue sky, is spoken for.

"You feel it," Josh says of the high prices, "whether you're buying steel or groceries." He adds that metal workers aren't bidding jobs out more than five days in advance, because the markets are so unpredictable. "It's a scary, scary time," he explains. "No one who I deal with has seen such volatility in these markets."

The other hangar at the front of the house is called the nonferrous barn. Inside, sea-green light filters through a row of plastic windows, and industrial-strength cardboard boxes hold the metals that don't stick to a magnet. These include copper wire, stainless steel, cast aluminum and car batteries, all of which have been separated by the seller to assure maximum return on the material's value. Under this roof resides a tidy portion of the other side of Mac Steel's business: buying scrap from individual and commercial peddlers and selling it to the Sims Group, an Australian company with a dock and barge at the Port of Albany.

In March, Sims merged with scrap-giant Metal Management, and now it's the largest metal recycling company in the world. Mac Steel has two full-time drivers making runs to Albany every day, with no end in sight. There, Sims' massive shear cuts the material into "prepared" pieces and loads it onto containers to be floated down the Hudson River toward Newark and New York, and thence to China, Turkey, Japan and Taiwan, among other destinations. Scrap metal is the United States' second-largest export to China, after electronic components.

The messier side of Mac's business takes up most of the back of the yard. Not surprisingly, they call it the "back of the house." We walk down a muddy road worn into the ground by scrap haulers. On both sides of us, beneath the soft ridgelines of the nearby Green Mountain National Forest, tower heaps of tangled scrap. Much of this stuff is David Mac's legacy. For a long time, he took in more scrap than he could process and get rid of, so it sprawled out across the low hillside. Josh's goal is to clean it all up and shrink the scrap area down to a few acres.

What's here? Machines and rooftop HVAC units from General Electric, a lathe from "God knows where," an old ski tuner, massive underground storage tanks (drained and cleaned), piles of rusted brake rotors,

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mountains of rebar, an ancient Link-Belt crane, a crop of antique wagon wheels on axles, looking like decrepit metal sunflowers, a nest of oxidized steel tram hiding road signs. To the untrained eye, it's a chaotic heap of worthless junk, but to Josh and his crew of six full-time yard workers, it's inventory. "This is a pile of No. 1 Steel," he says, gesturing at a large swale of condenser casings mixed in with unrecognizable metal. "This over here is a pile of oversize. This back here is a load of cast iron. That pile right there is unprepared light iron."

These mountains of scrap need to get cut up before they're loaded into the containers for Albany. While we're walking, a worker is cutting a 15-foot-long underground storage tank with a blowtorch that runs on propane and liquid oxygen. Sparks dance around him as he concentrates on the slicing. When we come back after 15 minutes, the tank is splayed open and 3-by-5-foot sheets lie piled on the ground. Another machine, which is basically an excavator with a shear attachment, dissects bigger pieces like an angry vulture tearing into a carcass.

The lead role, however, is played by the Fuchs material handler, a $500,000 crane with a menacing grapple hook. The cab can rise 18 feet into the air, so the driver can look down on the piles, pick up tons of scrap, and drop it into roll-off containers. With its big body and cab beneath a long boom, it resembles a sleeping brontosaurus. "That's my baby," Josh says.

Things are getting busier at the front of the house when we return. Pickup trucks are pulling in and parking, or idling in line and waiting to get weighed. Josh waves to a plumber from Woodstock hauling cast-iron boilers. The plumber drives onto the wooden-decked scale sunk in the ground, and Josh goes inside the office to check the weight: 7320 pounds with one driver. He notes it and walks back out to tell the driver to take the load up the hill by the material handler. When the driver returns, his burden lightened, the truck is weighed again and Mac pays him for the difference.

Meanwhile, Irv sits inside, hunched over his desk and talking on the phone. When he hangs up, I cajole him to come outside for a comment, and he reluctantly agrees.

I ask Irv how this business has changed since he got into it 25 years ago, after working as director of traffic for the City of Atlanta. He says the new machinery makes it easier on the body, and calls the theft of metal for scrap a "sad commentary." (With the same effort it takes to pilfer metal, he explains, the thief could get a job and make an honest buck.) Most of all, Irv says he's observed that over the last 15 years, people have become more keen on keeping stuff out of the landfill. He thinks the strong price of scrap will only give them more incentive to continue.

"But the fact of the matter is that the scrap business is the granddaddy of all recycling," he says. "All that people have done right now is reinvent the wheel." ⑦

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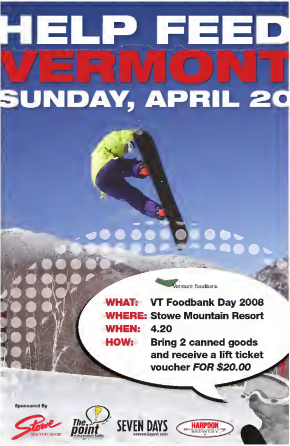

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God's Green Earthlings

A South Burlington church takes environmental action

STORY
BRIAN WALLSTIN

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JORDAN SILVERMAN

Burlington area cable subscribers can watch the "Greening Our Religions" lectures on Channel 16 RETN Monday nights at 9 p.m. May 5 – June 2.

In March 1967, *Science* magazine published an essay, "The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis," by a UCLA history professor named Lynn White. An expert in technological innovation during the Middle Ages, White argued that the environmental crisis looming over the planet was the fault of Western Christianity, which had fostered among believers a blatant disregard for the world beyond themselves.

"By gradual stages," White wrote, "a loving and all-powerful God had created light and darkness, the heavenly bodies, the earth and all its plants, animals, birds and fishes ... God planned all of this explicitly for man's benefit and rule. No item in the physical creation had any purpose save to serve man's purposes."

Once its adherents had established the rules of play — by, among other things, destroying the sacred groves of nature-worshipping pagans — the Christian church became what White called the "psychic foundation" for the scientific and technological invention that secured our mortal dominance over God's creation. The only way to escape the present ecological crisis, White concluded, was to "find a new religion, or rethink our old one."

Theologians reacted with anger to "The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis." But, as White had hoped, it provoked some Christians to re-evaluate their relationship to the natural world. Forty years later — and 21 years after White's death — the results are starting to take hold in American houses of worship. How White's insights might be corralled to help transform the environmental ethics of Western civilization is the subject of "Greening Our Religions: Interfaith Responses to the Environmental Crisis," a five-week lecture series hosted by Ascension Lutheran Church in South Burlington.

The lectures are a dream realized for the Rev. Nancy Wright, who became pastor at Ascension Lutheran about a year and a half ago. Wright, who has both a divinity degree and a Master's in Environmental Conservation Education, says the series is a way of "testing the spirit" for a more organized response shaped by the combined perspectives of Christians, Muslims, Native Americans, Jews and Buddhists.

"We're asking, at the end of each lecture, 'What does this lead you to think and do?'" Wright says. "I don't know if the witness will be strong enough to start to try and change society."

The series began on April 6 with a lecture by Saleem Ali, the associate dean for graduate studies at UVM's Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources. In an interview, Ali said that Muslims, like many Christians, have "trivialized the living world."

"Especially when you compare Islam to contemporary Judaism and the reformed churches," Ali said, "the afterlife is much more significant. When people have that kind of approach, it's hard for anyone to convince them about conservation and so on."

The series also features, on April 20, Kenneth Mello, an assistant professor at UVM who specializes in Native American religions; and, on May 4, Stephanie Kaza, a UVM professor of Environmental Studies and a practicing Soto Zen Buddhist. Within those two traditions, however, the link between the divine and nature is much less ambiguous than it is among the children of Abraham — Muslims, Jews and Christians — whose faiths have so influenced the fate of the planet. To that point, "Greening Our Religions" represents part of the ongoing response to Lynn White, who inspired a generation of theologians to pore through scripture and the writings of, among others, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas and Francis of Assisi for traces of a Christian environmental ethic.

Where do conservative evangelicals stand on environmentalism? In May 2006, the Rev. James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family, the most influential evangelical Christian organization in the world, revealed his position. Dobson, whose daily radio broadcasts reach an estimated 220 million people in 160 countries, was moved to comment by the reported remarks of Richard Cizik, vice president of the National Association of Evangelicals. Cizik suggested that, as a social issue, climate change was as important as abortion and gay marriage — sentiments that Dobson considered "anti-capitalistic" and suggestive of "an underlying hatred" for the American way.

"What Richard Cizik and his associates want us to do," Dobson warned, "is roll back the use of fossil fuels to 1938 levels, or even earlier, which would paralyze industry and put millions of people out of work."

But other evangelicals were already reconsidering their environmental values. In 2003, the National Religious Partnership for the Environment launched a "What Would Jesus Drive?" campaign, in a not-so-subtle dig at SUV-owning Christians. The following year, a poll by the Pew Center for Religion & Public Life found that concern about the environment was growing among all religious believers, including the conservative mainline Protestant congregations.

What has yet to emerge among Christians, says Rebecca Gould, a professor of religious studies at Middlebury College, is a less centralized environmental activism. Gould, who will deliver a "Greening Our Religions" lecture at Ascension Lutheran on April 27, says the evolution of theological thinking on the environment has been "great, but it hasn't really hit the on-the-ground culture."

"People have built on other people's work in a nice way the last 10 or 15 years," Gould says. "But does it make any difference at all in what people are hearing in their churches and synagogues, and what they are doing in their communities?"

Gould and Laurel Kearns of the Drew University Theological School are trying to answer that question in a research project called "Religion on the Ground: The New Environmentalism of Religious Institutions." So far, Gould says, they have documented several "really lively" efforts that combine public theologizing and grass-roots activism. One example is a group of nuns that created a sustainability center near Cleveland; another is the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, which works to integrate environmental concerns into Jewish liturgy and education.

In Seattle, an organization called Earth Ministry has fostered "congregational partnerships" among 100 churches with active environmental-action committees. The hope is to energize small groups of like-minded Christians to inspire their congregations, in turn, to take collective action.

"What's interesting about Earth Ministry," Gould says, "is that it deals with a lot of mainline congregations. They aren't all super liberal or Unitarian Universalists, but Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Episcopalians."

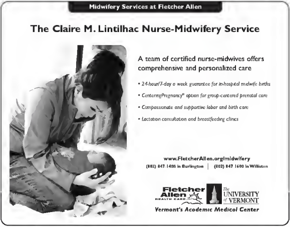
Still, most traditional Christian congregations, while more aware of environmental issues, have yet to grapple with them. Gould and Kearns interviewed an environmental working group of the National Council of Churches, for example, only to discover that group members were having trouble engaging their fellow congregants on the environment. "There wasn't as much happening in their congregations as one would think or hope," Gould says. "We were surprised."

Nancy Wright isn't. The theme of her lecture, delivered Sunday evening at Ascension Lutheran, was the "ambiguous ecological promise of Christianity."

That also happens to be the subtitle of a book, *The Travail of Nature*, by H. Paul Santmire, a prominent eco-theologist who has wrestled with "The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis" throughout his career. On Sunday, Wright acknowledged that Christians who embrace the Rapture will never care about the environment. They believe that Christ's followers will be transported to God's side while the rest of humanity is slaughtered by the Antichrist.

But then there are those who are inspired by the Hebrew prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, who spoke of the need to be the stewards of God's creation. Wright calls these worshippers "prophetic Christians," and they give her the most hope for the future.

"Prophetic Christians work ecumenically and inter-religiously," Wright said, "knowing that God's request of Adam and Eve in the Genesis story to have dominion of the plants and animals has been misinterpreted as power and not, correctly, as care." ⑦



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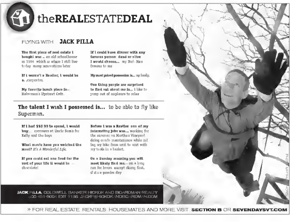

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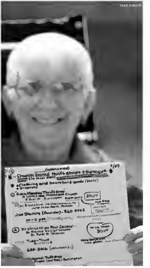
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Jean's Used

A secondhand hound offers her favorite spots for sharing the wealth

STORY KEN PICARD

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Jean Forden didn't grow up poor and never once visited a thrift store as a child. Hers was an affluent Manhattan upbringing that didn't allow for perusing rummage sales or used bookstores. "My mother would have *died* first if we'd ever gotten anything secondhand," recalls Forden.

But years later, while living in Portland, Oregon, Forden became a thrift-store convert, motivated by neither financial necessity nor any newfound eco-mindedness. Initially, Forden says, it was all about the simple joy of chancing on "a cheap dress from Talbot's" or a pair of $75 shoes for two dollars. "It's the thrill of having something in mind, and then finding it," she explains.

The 76-year-old Burlingtonian has plenty of retail experience — Forden used to own a store on Burlington's waterfront called "The Little Shop of Recovery and Discovery," for recovering alcoholics. Today she is almost missionary in her zeal for promoting the reuse-and-recycle ethic.

Forden keeps her shopping to brick-and-mortar stores — she doesn't own a computer. When she couldn't find a secondhand shopping guide, the feisty septuagenarian set out to write one herself. Recently she offered her list to *Seven Days* on the condition that it emerge in print, not just online, for people who don't have Internet access.

Forden offers one caveat: Hers is by no means a comprehensive list — yet. She welcomes additions and recommendations, and would love to hear from others who've found out-of-the-way treasure troves of slightly tattered wares. (Editor's note: *Seven Days* will gladly collect suggestions from readers and add them to the online guide, as well as sharing with Forden. Please include phone numbers.)

"It's all about the satisfaction of getting and giving, the thrill of getting and giving," Forden says, "and knowing that you're going to get my shirt and maybe I'll even see you on the street wearing it and say, 'That was my *favorite* shirt.'"

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First Congregational Church
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879-6552
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Clothes and miscellaneous

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(Housing Solutions: Addison Emergency Center, etc.)
3 Bakery Lane, Middlebury
388-4488
Monday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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231 Maple Street, #28, Middlebury
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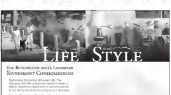
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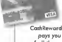

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As Jean Fordon noted, this guide is far from comprehensive. Readers and shop owners are encouraged to make additions — or corrections — as we'll be maintaining and updating the list online as well as "repurposing" it in print later on. Send info to secondhand@sevendaysvt.com.

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Fingers do the walking on Local Motion's new Trail Finder

STORY
SARAH TUFF

Local Motion's Trail Finder launches on Earth Day, April 22. For more information, visit www.localmotion.org/trails or call 652-2453.

Fifteen years ago, University of Vermont computer science lecturer Robert Erickson hiked the 270-mile Long Trail end to end. He's backpacked through Alaska, paddled much of Lake Champlain, and climbed to the summit of Camel's Hump in the winter. Now that Erickson has two preschool-aged girls, however, he's more likely to be found tramping the trails around his Essex home. And it's more difficult than you might imagine.

While nature books track the Long Trail, pretty and safe routes on smaller, neighborhood byways tends to be scarce. "I can look at a town map or pick up little trail guides," says Erickson. "But how do I actually *get* there?"

Starting next Tuesday, April 22, Erickson and thousands of other trail users in northern Vermont will be able to get there from here — or anywhere. They'll also be able to zoom in on satellite photos of scores of Chittenden County trails and identify overlooks, beaches and restrooms. Hikers, walkers, in-line skaters and bikers (and, when the snow flies again, cross-country skiers) will be able to check mileages, plan their parking and determine if a trail is kid- or fat-tire friendly. And they can do this long before lacing up their shoes and heading out the door — from their own computers.

All these features are part of Local Motion's new online Trail Finder, which the Burlington-based nonprofit plans to unveil on Earth Day. Two years in the making, the free website contains dozens of downloadable and printable maps and directions to nearly 30 different trails, from Milton's Eagle Mountain to the Williams Woods in Charlotte.

"We've dreamt about this for a long time now," says Local Motion marketing manager and former Erickson student Todd Taylor. He points out that, while his organization's Trailside Center on the Burlington Bike Path has a wall covered with maps, there's been no single resource for outdoor enthusiasts who want the dirt on Vermont trails.

Over the past two years, Taylor says, Local Motion recruited more than 50 volunteers to contribute their trail and technology smarts to the Trail Finder. Erickson was one. As a member of the Essex Trails Committee, he helped upload his community's trails into the database. Now, if you search by town and select "Essex," you come up with a Google map on which a bunch of squiggly purple lines designate unpaved, shared-use trails, while red lines represent paved, shared-use ones. (Green lines signify "walking and hiking only.")

Clicking on one of the purple trails produces a Google Earth satellite image of Indian Brook Park, along with a lively description of its loops, some mountain-biking terrain and boat launch area. The nonprofit organization Fellowship of the Wheel supplies regular info on mountain biking trails and conditions.

To pinpoint the exact locations of many trails, Local Motion relied on Vermonters with savvy in the field of geographic information systems (GIS), such as Pam Brangan, the GIS Services/IT Systems administrator for the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. After helping Local Motion find dependable global-positioning-system (GPS) handheld devices to map out trails, Brangan explains, she used digital aerial photos and other GIS data to correct the GPS data, which can go askew in heavily wooded areas.

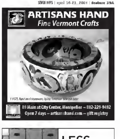
Taylor says the combination of the technological sophistication with input from passionate local outdoors-people is what makes Trail Finder unique. And unlike international sites such as Trails.com, which charges $49.95 a year to access information on 40,000 trails in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean, Local Motion's Trail Finder *is free*.

"We're all about getting people the information they need in order to have a healthy lifestyle, so from the start it's been a free concept," says Taylor. He notes that ads may help support the website, along with membership funds and grant money.

Fulfilling that broader mission may involve connecting with other databases, such as an inventory of Vermont playgrounds, parks and pedestrian paths that local trails volunteer Fred Schmidt helped develop in 2005 at the Center for Rural Studies. Down the road, Trail Finder will also *expand* beyond Chittenden County, says Taylor. "The scale of it makes more sense for regional information," he explains.

As for the Burlington area, there's just one problem, says Erickson. "We'd like to connect the dots more. Had people thought about trails 100 years ago when divvying up the land, it would be a piece of cake." Instead, Erickson says, trail advocates are trying to figure out a way to connect all those squiggly lines across railroads, highways, shopping developments and private land.

Maybe, he adds, the new Trail Finder will help private landowners contemplate how they can contribute to the movement. After all, "Trails are great for connecting communities together." ⓒ



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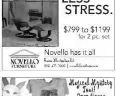

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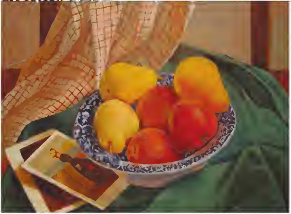

Getting Real

EXHIBIT
"Objects of Desire: Still Life Paintings," a group exhibit of Vermont artists. Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville. Through May 11.

ARTWORK
"Apples, Pears, Postcards" by Susan Abbott

PHOTO
Marc Awodey

In his *Naturalis Historia*, Roman writer Pliny the Elder (A.D. 23-79) retold an ancient Greek story about a competition between two still-life painters: Zeuxis and Parrhasius. Zeuxis' still life was so realistic that birds swooped down to try to eat his succulent grapes. When it was Parrhasius' turn to unveil his painting, he gave Zeuxis the honor of removing the cloth that covered it. The amazed Zeuxis exclaimed on touching the painting: "I have deceived the birds, but Parrhasius has deceived Zeuxis." Parrhasius' draped "cloth" was his perfectly rendered illusion.

The exhibition "Objects of Desire: Still Life Paintings" at the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville is full of pictures that might trick Zeuxis. A dozen or so Vermont painters contributed more than 125 still lifes, ranging from the realistic to the hyper-realistic.

Susan Abbott is probably best known for watercolors depicting items one might gather in a day's outing — flowers, cards, fruit, envelopes — such as are captured in her 30-by-41-inch piece "In Search of Père." Abbott's "Apples, Pears, Postcards" is a 15-by-17-inch oil with three pears and three apples in a bowl beside a couple of postcards. Though this work is much simpler, it looks more substantial, no doubt because of the medium. Abbott's subtle handling of oil paint renders light with greater authority. Tactile variations, such as the green tablecloth and patterned drapery falling gently behind the bowl, are more adroitly described.

One of the most precise painters in the show is Julie Y. Baker Albright. Her 16-by-12-inch oil "Jane's Peonies" is a sparse composition portraying puffy white and burgundy flowers in a glass vase on a smooth white tablecloth. Pale- to dark-gray values modulate horizontally across the empty background. Albright's 8-by-16-inch "Golden Leaves" has the same proportions but more rounded forms. Two brown-and-gray pots hold twigs with curled brown leaves, and the artist's subdued chromatic harmony is made up entirely of earth tones. Like a 17th-century Dutch still life, it's an acutely naturalistic work and, given its dead leaves, may be referencing the Baroque theme of vanitas — a subtle nod to mortality.

The still life has deep roots in Western culture.

Albright's "Last Bouquet" is a 12-by-24-inch vertical oil featuring a bouquet of mixed wildflowers in a tall, dark-blue vase. Though the flowers are ostensibly the main subject in this work, a white highlight emblazoned down the vase with one supremely confident brushstroke completely steals the limelight.

Wisconsin artist Jody dePew McLean is as masterful with pastels as Albright is with oils. McLean saturates her scenes with a broad array of hues that dance over vessels with reflections and expressive patterning. "Tarnished Silver" is an 11-by-14-inch piece in which reflections are distorted by the curved surfaces of a silver pitcher, a red jar, a white vase and a small blue-and-white bowl. Colors accent the lustrous objects like small bursts of fireworks. "Yellow Chinese Jar" is less atmospheric. The 11-by-14-inch pastel features the silver pitcher from "Tarnished Silver" and a blue and yellow jar. The still-life elements sit on a red-patterned textile that provides a respite from McLean's usual high-gloss surfaces.

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius on August 24, 79 A.D., buried and preserved many frescos at Pompeii, giving us the finest surviving still lifes of antiquity. It also killed Pliny the Elder. But his writings about art endure, reminding us, along with the Pompeian finds, that the still life has deep roots in Western culture. "Objects of Desire" at Bryan Memorial Gallery amply demonstrates that the realist's genre continues to fascinate both artists and viewers. ⑦

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CALL TO ARTISTS

VERMONT AND NEW YORK ARTISTS are invited to participate in Québec's oldest and largest outdoor art festival in Frelighsburg, over Labor Day weekend. Cash prizes possible for works based on theme of "Bons Baisers." Deadline: May 31. Application forms at www.festivalart.org. More info, 450-298-1212.

THE CHANDLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS is commissioning a Centennial Art piece to commemorate 100 years of celebrating the arts. Artists are invited to submit proposals for a work of art that will be permanently displayed inside the historic music hall and gallery. Deadline for proposals: May 1. Info, contact Betsy Cantlin at outreach@chandler-arts.org or 728-9878.

OPENINGS

KIRSTEN PEIRCE: "Monsters, Mostly," mixed-media paintings and more. Red Square, Burlington. whirled23@yahoo.com. Reception April 17, 7-9 p.m. Through April.

"OBJECTS OF DESIRE: STILL LIFE PAINTINGS": A group exhibit featuring some of Vermont's finest artists in the genre, including Susan Abbott, Julie Y. Baker Albright, Ken Nicholas, Jody dePew McLeon, Lucy Petrie and others, through May 31, and **"MY COUSIN HAS EIGHT LEGS":** Original artworks by nationally known children's book illustrators Tomie dePaola, Tracey Campbell Pearson, Phoebe Stone, Jasper Tomkins and Vladimir Vagin, through May 24. Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville, 644-5100. Reception for "Objects of Desire" April 20, 3-5 p.m.

JENNA ANN KELLEY & ANNA WAGNER: BFA senior exhibits of paintings, prints and wall-mounted objects. Julian Scott Memorial Gallery, Johnson State College, 635-1469. Reception and artist talk April 23, 3 p.m. Through April 26.

TALKS/ EVENTS

VCA ARTS ACHIEVEMENT DAY: This daylong event celebrates the achievements of Vermont's creative community and provides an opportunity to meet with legislators. It also launches the new statewide community arts project, "Art Fits Vermont." Vermont Statehouse, Montpelier, 828-5422. Free. Info, www.vermontartscouncil.org. April 16, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitions are written by **Pamela Polston**; spotlights written by **Marc Awodey**. Listings are restricted to exhibits in truly public places; exceptions may be made at the discretion of the editor. Submit art exhibitions at www.sevendaysvt.com/art or send via e-mail by Thursday at 5 p.m., including info phone number, to galleries@sevendaysvt.com.

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Among the various programs of Burlington City Arts, "Sales and Leasing" — which offers works by Vermont artists to corporate and public-space clients — is one of its most popular. At the Firehouse Gallery through April 24, an exhibit titled "Artworkshow" features paintings, sculpture and photographs by 15 of the program's participating artists. The selection reflects both curatorial diversity and outstanding artistic quality. Pictured: "New Age" by Helen Schulman.

BURLINGTON ARTIST MEET-UP: Get plugged into the local art scene at this monthly get-together and mutual critique session. Karma, Howe, Burlington, 244-4838. April 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"PALLADIO AND THE POLITICS OF CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE": This lecture by Tracy Cooper, associate professor of Tyler School of Arts, Temple University, commemorates the 500th anniversary of the birth of the most famous architect in European art history, Andrea Palladio (1508-1580). Arthur M. Loew Auditorium, Hood Museum, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 603-646-2808. April 18, 4:30 p.m.

"SAVING A PLACE AT THE TABLE": A traveling exhibit of filling place settings created by the Victims Services Program of the Vermont Department of Corrections to memorialize victims of domestic abuse and other crimes in the state. Statehouse Cafeteria, Montpelier, 241-2222. April 22, 8-10:30 a.m.

ANNEMIE CURLIN: "Don't Love This World Too Much," oil paintings in three thematic groups. Charlotte Senior Center, 425-6345. Artist talk April 19, 1 p.m. Through April.

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SECOND ANNUAL ECVA VERMONT CHAPTER EXHIBIT: Vermont Episcopalians show spiritual and secular artworks. Cathedral of St. Paul, Burlington, 864-0471. Through May.

"ART IT MANKIND": An exhibit of ancient and modern human effigy art forms from North and South America, Asia and Africa in multiple media, from the collection of Douglas Schneible. Shelburne Art Center, 985-3648. Through May 18.

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"PLEASED TO MEET YOU": Stacy Carnell, Allison Ross, Ned Kepler and Alena Weisskat, who are from different cities, and almost unknown in their work and have never met before, were invited by the curators to present a group show in honor of the gallery's third year. The goal: to meet new people, start new friendships and find new perspectives. Parima Gallery, Burlington 862-3003. Through May 1.

CHEPE CUADRA: "Fragmented Figure," monoprints. SEABA Gallery, Burlington 859-0222. Through May.

THE SECOND ANNUAL VERMONT STUDENT FINE METALWORKS SHOW: Created works by college and high school metalsmithing students; and **SUSAN BOMBARD:** "Periods and Places," new paintings. Gallery, Burlington 860-2002. Through April.

GREG MANCHAN: New paintings by the local artist. Speaking Volumes, Burlington 540-0107. Through May.

"THE POP ART SHOW": Youth from Burlington City Arts' Mentor Arts program display the images created in pairs. Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts, Second Floor Gallery, Burlington 865-7166. Through April 29.

JOHN GONTER: "Nearness," large acrylic paintings that display both galactic and emotional atmospheres; and **TERESA DAVIS:** Brilliantly hued paints spilled and splashed "Off the Edge" onto eight tabletops at the artist's studio; and **BETHANY ZAK BALL:** "Light Waves and Color," 14 new canvases of highly saturated color and simple forms. VCAM/RETN Space, Burlington 651-9692. Through May 26.

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NORTHERN EXPOSURES Twenty Franklin County artists have invaded the big city of Burlington and taken over the Art's Alive Gallery at Union Station. Clearly the country nestled between Chittenden County and Canada is nurturing creativity. A variety of lively paintings, prints and photographs appear in the show on view through the month of April. Pictured: "Alas Poor Yorick" by Jonathan Billings.

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"ARTWORKINERS" Fifteen Vermont working artists in Burlington City Arts' Sales & Leasing Program show landscapes, contemporary abstraction, photography and sculpture. Firehouse Gallery, Burlington, 865-7166. Through April 24.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTISTS: Newly 20 artists show works in a range of two-dimensional media, representing several of the county's arts organizations. Arts Alive Gallery, Union Station, Burlington, 864-5700. Through April.

JOHANNE DUROCHER YORDAN: "Abstract Tales of Old and New," acrylic paintings. The Daily Planet, Burlington, 373-7644. Through April.

LEEANNA ZUBER: "Passion and Power of Creation," works in fabric and other media. Dianne Shullenberger Gallery, Jericho, 899-4993. Through April, weekends or by appointment.

JANICE UHLER TEETZ & KENNETH TEETZ: Pastels and watercolors. Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, Jericho, 899-3211. Through May 11.

LYDIANA CRISS: "And It Was Glorious," large abstract oil paintings. Drink Lounge, Burlington, 310-1075. Through June 3.

"A FEW NAKED SPECTRUM": Current work by members of L/L's Art of Photography program. L/L Gallery, Living/Learning Center, UVM, Burlington, 656-4200. Through April 18.

"THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT": T-shirts designed by women who have been victimized by sexual assault, to demonstrate their enduring of strength. Metropolitan Gallery, Burlington City Hall, 864-0588. Through April.

"HUMBLE & HOMUNCULI": Burlington artist Catherine Hall and an anonymous guest artist contribute small sculptures and an installation respectively. 215 College Artists' Cooperative Gallery, Burlington, 863-3662. Through April 20.

RICHARD W. BROWN: Photographs of rural life, gardens and New England landscape. Furchgott Sourdiffe Gallery, Shelburne, 985-3848. Through May 8.

KARI MEYER: "The Magic of the Land," acrylic landscape paintings by the Vermont artist. Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Burlington, 272-4707. Through July 16.

ROBERT WALDO BRUNELLE JR.: New acrylic figurative paintings. Alberomi Building, 25 Green Mountain Drive, Burlington, 399-1166. Through April.

MALTEX SHOW: The hallways of all three floors are filled with paintings by Valerie Ugro, Gregory Albright, Lee Alexander and Peter W. Davis; monoprints by Nan Lupfer and Carolyn Shattuck, photography by Jim Westphal, and sculpture and shadow boxes by Anna Stein. Maltex Building, Burlington, 865-7166. Through August.

REBECCA BABBIT: "Bonjour, France," photographs from a trip to that scenic country and its capital, Paris. Firehouse Center Community Darkroom, Burlington, 865-7166. Through April 27.

LORRAINE MANLEY: "In Celebration of Landscape," impressionistic paintings of Vermont trees and vistas. Chittenden Bank, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 999-7000. Through April.

LAWRENCE SCALORA: "The Veneration of the Dead Elvis," pen-and-brush artworks informed by a fascination with the iconic star as well as mystical images from the Church. McCarthy Art Center Gallery, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 654-2536. Through April 26.

GABRIELLE TSOUNIS: "Accepting Nudity," large canvases in a mosaic style feature the human body and body image issues. Cafe Metropolis, Burlington, 860-4972 or 863-4259. Through April.

ROBERT RINALDI: Fine art photography exploring the human impact on the landscape and mixed media with vintage text and photographs. Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 865-7200. Through April.

GILLIAN KLEIN: Moody cityscape oil paintings. Opportunities Credit Union, Burlington, 264-4832. Through May 21.

THREE COLLECTIONS OF PHOTO-BASED WORK: ERIN LANGELLE: "Photographs of Global Resistance," photojournalism; and **GERARD W. RINALDI:** "Un Autre Ballet," photo-drawings; and **MICHAEL STRAUSS:** "Worlds in Motion," molecular landscapes. Artpath Gallery, Burlington, 563-2273. Through April.

MARINA EPSTEIN: Oil paintings and prints, Gates 1 & 2; and **PETER WILLIAMS:** Oil paintings, Escalator; and **CAMERON SCHMITZ:** "Listen," pencil drawings and oil paintings, Skyway. Burlington Airport, 865-7166. Through May.

"BETWEEN LEFT MACHINES AND HARD SCIENCE": "The Lonesome Art of David Powell," an installation of digital prints and electronic scientific instruments; and **ACTORS AND EXORCISTS:** "Masks of Sri Lanka," from the permanent collection; and **MICHAEL LIGHT:** "100 Suns," a collection of photographs of atomic explosions carried out by the U.S. in the 1940s and '60s over Nevada and the Pacific Ocean. Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 656-0750. Through June 8.

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HELEN TURNER: Photographs taken in the Jerusalem/Downingsville Road area of Lincoln and South Starksboro by the local artist. Lincoln Library, 453-2665. Through April.

HEIDI WALLACE: Frames and drawings that manipulate body parts, actions and expressions by the artist-in-residence. Johnson Memorial Building, Middlebury College, 443-3168. Through April 17.

RANDA STILL & LINDA CANNON-HUFFMAN: Chinese brush paintings of birds, flowers and landscapes. Ilsley Library, Middlebury, 388-4220. Through April.

FIVE TOWN AREA COMMUNITY ART SHOW: Fine art and craft from neighbors of all ages. Art on Main, Bristol, 453-4032. Through May 14.

DANIEL DOYLE: "Recent Fotographic Work." Park Squeeze, Vergennes, 877-1333. Through April.

LOWELL SNOWDEN KLOCK: "Small Things Considered," intimate photographs focusing on details of texture, light and shadow, patterns and color relationships. Brandon Artists' Guild, 247-4956. Through April 27.

"IN THEIR OWN WORDS": An exhibition of images and stories created by Charlotte-based photographer Ned Castle in collaboration with members of Vermont's refugee community. Vermont Folklife Center, Middlebury, 388-4964. Through June 14.

"ELOQUENT VISTAS": Nineteenth-century landscape photography from the George Eastman House collection, through April 20; and **"ART NOW":** Recent acquisitions in photography and film/video, through August 10; and **"TOMBS, TEMPLES, PLACES, AND TEA: CERAMICS IN ASIA AND BEYOND":** An exhibit that explores the practical and social uses of ceramics, through December 7. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, 443-6007.

central

FRANK WOODS: "On the Road to Abstraction," paintings. Governor's Office, Fifth Floor, Pavilion Building, Montpelier, 828-0240. Through May.

LANCE JONES: Sepia-toned black-and-white photographs by the Vermont artist reflect his journeys to South America and elsewhere. The Brick Box Gallery, Paramount Theatre, Rutland, 775-0570. Through May 4.

"CITY ELEMENTARY ART": Student work from East Montpelier and Calais elementary schools, grouped by their teachers. City Center, Montpelier, 223-7936, ext. 320. Through May 1.

JAMIE COPE: Photographs of last year's Capital City Farmers Market. The showcase moves around Montpelier in anticipation of the market, which opens May 3. Info, 655-4380. Through April.

"ART WORKS FOR EVERYONE": Artworks by individuals with developmental disabilities. Statehouse Cafeteria, Montpelier, 828-0749. Through April.

JANE PINCUS: "Streets in Paintings." The Shoe Horn, Montpelier, 223-6454. Through April.

"POLITICKING MAGIC: THE ICONOGRAPHIC CROSS-CURRENTS OF CARTOONING AND CONJURING": Selections of graphic art and artifacts from the Charlton Thomas collection, a traveling exhibit culled from the editorial pages of American newspapers and journals. Main Street Museum, White River Junction, 356-2776. Through May 27.

LOCAL ARTISTS SHOW: One hundred artists from around the region participate in the centennial celebration. Chandler Gallery, Randolph, 728-9878. Through May 11.

FACULTY SHOW: Seventeen printmaking teachers show how it's done in a group display of their own works. Two Rivers Printmaking Studio, White River Junction, 295-5901. Through April.

COLLECTED WORKS BY MALBAN: Evocative multimedia works by the local artist. Back Wall Gallery, The ReStore, Montpelier, 229-1930. Through April.

ROBIN LAHUE: Colorful oil paintings. Vermont Chocolatiers, Northfield, 485-7770. Through April 28.

SUSAN BEMIS: Paintings. Blinking Light Gallery, Plainfield, 454-0141. Through April 27.

ELIZABETH NELSON: Landscape paintings in oil, acrylic and mixed media. Sean and Mary's, Barre, 479-2188. Through November.

"SEEING DIMENSION": Mixed-media and collage works by Vermont artists Alexandra Bottinelli, Timothy Fisher and Maggie Neale. The Lazy Pear Gallery, Montpelier, 223-7680. Through May 18.

SUZANNE REXFORD WINSTON: Monoprints. The Green Bean Gallery at Capitol Grounds, Montpelier, srwinston23@yahoo.com. Through April.

ROSE O'NEILL SUSPITSYNA & NICOLE ZALEWSKI: "Wanderlust: Neoplasia to Matroshka," giclee prints of paintings in the artist's "Chemical Battles Series"; and photographs from working-class life in the Stavropol region of Russia, respectively. Northlight Digital Gallery, White River Junction, 280-0808. Through May 1.

"MARILYN PRESENTS... 10 YEARS OF ART IN THE SUPREME COURT": Vermont Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Skoglund has been curating the lobby for a decade. This show is a microcosm of all those previous exhibits, with works in multiple media by 12 artists. Vermont Supreme Court Lobby, Montpelier, 828-0717. Through April 26.

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ART RESOURCE ASSOCIATION GROUP SHOW: Works in various media by more than 20 members of the ARA. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 279-4349. Through April 28.

ABARIAN FAMILY ART SHOW: Paintings, drawings and woodcuts by nine members of this artistic Vermont family in a shared exhibit. T.W. Wood Gallery, Montpelier, 828-8743. Through April 22.

northern

APRIL FEATURED ARTISTS: Paintings by Tom Beamer, turned wood by Bob Fletcher, textiles by Nan Alvarado and photographs by Gordon Vedlertan. Artist in Residence Cooperative Gallery, Enosburgh Falls, 933-6403. Through April.

SARAH PURCELL & REBECCA LOVELL: The senior students present their BFA thesis exhibition in sculpture, printmaking, ceramics and photography. Julian Scott Memorial Gallery, Johnson State College, 635-1469. Through April 18.

DANILO GONZALEZ & CHRISTOPHER GRIFFIN: "The Temptation of Color," new paintings combining the colorful cultures of North and Latin America by the international artists, from Dominican Republic and Canada, respectively. West Branch Gallery & Sculpture Park, Stowe, 253-8943. Through April.

southern

"PAINTING THE BEAUTIFUL": A major retrospective of American Impressionist paintings from the Michener Art Museum Collection, through August 11, and **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION:** Artworks by favorites such as Luigi Lucioni and Ogden Pleissner, Grandma Moses and Alfred Mason show the strength and quality of the collection, through May 4. Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum, Southern Vermont Arts Center, Manchester, 362-1405.

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"BLACK WOMANHOOD: IMAGES, ICONS, AND IDEOLOGIES OF THE AFRICAN BODY": This traveling exhibition examines the historical roots of black womanhood through more than 100 sculptures, prints, photographs, video and other media, through August 10, and **"QUICK AND POP: ICONS OF THE 1960S":** Highlights from the museum's pop-art collection, through June 15. Hood Museum, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 603-646-2808.

CHRIS TULLER: "Machines for a Perfect World," sculptures made of metals and gemstones. Designer Gold Jewelry, Hanover, N.H., 603-643-3864. Through April 28.

KEN GRAVES: Abstract acrylic paintings. Trixies Café & Wine Bar, Plattsburgh, N.Y., 518-561-7000. Through July 10.

"CUBAN ART AND HISTORY FROM 1868 TO TODAY": The major retrospective includes some 400 works from the Caribbean island in multiple media. The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 514-285-1600. Through June 8. ⑦

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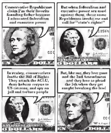
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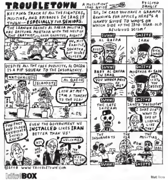
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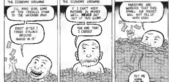
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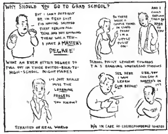
I'll go ahead and write up the insurance policy this time Mrs Mantis. But I have to warn you – if one more husband shows up dead and with his head missing we're gonna cancel you.

LULU EIGHTBALL


WHY SHOULD YOU GO TO GRAD SCHOOL?
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WANT AN EVEN BETTER DEGREE TO PULL OUT IN THOSE BUSTED-BACK-TO-HIGH-SCHOOL NIGHTMARES
SO THERE WERE A COUPLE THINGS IN CLASS TODAY I'M A LITTLE FUZZY ON–
AND I COULD EXPLAIN THEM SO HARD TO YOU
SCHOOL POLICY LENIENT TOWARDS T.A.'S BANGING UNDERGRAD STUDENTS
I–I JUST REALLY MISS THE LEARNING PROCESS, YOU KNOW?
TERRIFIED OF REAL WORLD
SEZ HERE I CAN LEARN GUN REPAIR!
LIKE, YOU CAN GET A MASTER'S IN IT?
N/A IN CASE OF CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

CQ the campus question

BY JON TAYLOR

After three years as the leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI is finally gracing the United States with his holy presence, making stops in Washington, D.C., and New York during a six-day tour in the Pope mobile. We can all agree that the pope's bulletproof ride is sweet, but the papal visit has stirred up controversy, too. *Seven Days* decided to seek some balance in the media firestorm.

This week "The CQ" asks St. Michael's College students to consider where they agree or disagree, with the pope and the Catholic Church.

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What issue would you debate with the pope about?

Derek Souza, 21, junior religious studies major

"Why aren't women allowed to be priests? Men and women are equal and they should be treated equal by the Catholic Church. [They won't be equal] until women are allowed to be priests. They're not allowed to preach in the forefront — they have to stay in the pew. They're not allowed to get up and speak and practice the way that men can fully practice."

Rachael Horneman, 21, senior psychology major

"It would be about contraception — using condoms and women's rights, having a choice if they want to or do not wish to have a child. I think in our changing world — I'm thinking of Africa right now — they don't have a choice if they want to have sex with a man, but they do have a choice to use a contraceptive. Therefore, that will give more power to women."

Katie Summo, 19, sophomore chemistry major

"Gay marriage. I think that's a big issue. There's, like, a couple of states that have it legalized, but I think that it should be legal everywhere. If you're in love and you want to be with somebody for the rest of your life, I don't understand why you just can't get married and live out your life with that person and have the same benefits and rights as a heterosexual couple."

Chris Pepin, 22, senior biology major

"Number one would be Africa and the church's screw-up with that. They could do huge work in the combat against AIDS by allowing them to use condoms and supporting that as well as other oral contraceptives, because, frankly, their family planning hasn't really worked at all. Also, as cardinal, [Pope Benedict] supported many dictatorships when he could have taken a more radical line and helped the poor a lot more than he has."

Kate Amhersen, 20, sophomore chemistry major

"The issue I disagree with the most is the gay marriage issue. One of my biggest problems is that everyone says that it ruins the sanctity of marriage, but I would say that a lot of that sanctity has been lost already, when you take into account divorce rates in this country at this time. Obviously, [Pope Benedict doesn't] agree with divorce, either, but I feel like [he] can't take that as the main high road with that."

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sudoku BY LINDA THISTLE

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers one to nine

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

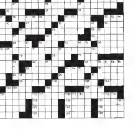
★ = Moderate ★★ = Challenging ★★★ = Hoo, boy!

SEVEN DAYS crossword

PUZZLE ANSWERS
for Sudoku and Crossword on page 38B

ACROSS
1 Caesar's suit?
5 Fiber source
9 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 hit)
15 Haberdashery items
18 Left open
19 Comfort
20 Hint
21 Southwestern native
22 Java joint
23 About
24 Deep unconsciousness
26 Sot's sibling
28 Start of a question
30 Tucked into the tortellini
31 Gibbon or gorilla
32 Orient
33 Chew the fat
36 Droopy
40 "G.I. Garfield"
42 Commercials
45 Rap-sheet datum
47 Landed
48 Runnymede's site
50 See 56 Across
51 "Chain —" ('90 hit)
52 Tribe
53 On guard
54 Ignominy
55 With 50 Across, fluffy felines
58 March (on)
59 Summarize
60 Pound sound
62 Wine and dine
63 Scary
66 Speech problem
67 Middle of question
74 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
75 Word with rag or circle
76 Couple
77 Pindaric poem
78 Annoys
80 Norwegian composer
82 Distressed one?
87 Turn inside out
88 Ulan —
89 Torso
92 Nurse's helper
93 DC figure
94 Jonathan Winters birthplace
96 Odense denizen
97 Lead role
98 Humorist Buchwald
99 Submachine gun
100 Barber opera
102 Defeat
103 Harvest
105 Priority sticker
108 Palm Sunday beast
109 End of question
117 King's thing
118 Add color
119 Circle dance
120 Orthodox image
122 Evaluate
123 Voice type
124 Perfume spray
125 Metric measure
126 Suit est
127 See 65 Down
128 Oenophile's month
129 Dutch export

DOWN
1 Tic- — -toe
2 Ventura County city
3 Fish hook
4 Amphitheater feature
5 Defeated
6 Prickly heat, e.g.
7 — [illegible]
8 Light material
9 Take
10 Garlic segment
11 Actor Cronyn
12 "My Favorite —" ('62 film)
13 [illegible]
14 Put on the street
15 Songpoint
16 "So — is the thanks I get?"
17 Sat. plea
21 Record music in a way
27 Singer Redding
28 Tint a gallop
29 Sordid
33 Enthusiastic
34 Parolee or Paton
35 Impresario Rudolf
37 Producer Ponti
38 Menu phrase
39 Oral pointer
40 Salon supply
41 It may be magic
42 Small shrub
43 Patterned fabric
44 I am
45 Give it — (try)
46 Even if, informally
48 Ula, formerly
52 Hill or Thomas
53 Shore scarp
55 Hamilton detective
57 Hurricane lines
58 Pigeon English?
61 In honor of
62 Pulitzer winner
64 Sweater letter
65 With 127 Across, toyshop buy
67 Brewer or Greene
68 "Jean" singer
69 Aptitude
70 Part of EMT
71 Void
72 Exhausted
73 Archaic accept
76 Part of EST
81 Noun suffix
83 — jolting
84 "The King and —" setting
85 Author Ferber
86 Wallah expression
88 English Romantic
89 Outlaw
90 Quentin's "— True Thing"
91 — Pierce, MD
95 Definitely dislikes
96 Like some coffee
97 Manuscript enc.
100 Herbert or Hugo
101 North African feature
103 [illegible] Zimbal at
104 Intimate
105 1492 vessel
107 Director Lee
108 Marley's colleague
109 Celtic
110 Pierce
111 Muscle tel
112 Comparative word
113 Alley's angel
114 "The Parent —" ('61 film)
115 Itching
116 Vincent Lopez's theme song
117 Beaver for one
121 — de plume



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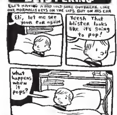
BLISTERING
ELI'S HAVING A BAD COLD SORE OUTBREAK LIKE ONE NORMALLY GETS ON THE LIPS BUT ON HIS EAR
Eli, let me see your ear again
Yeesh That blister looks like it's going to pop!
what happens when it pops?
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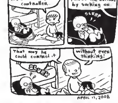
BABY CONTROLLER
Oliver should have his own baby controller
that he can press the buttons by sucking on
SLURP
That way he could control it
without even thinking!
SLURK
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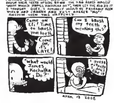
WHAT WOULD JAMES KOCHALKA DO?
THE OTHER DAY ONE OF MY READERS POSTED A STORY ON MY MESSAGE BOARD ABOUT THEIR KID ASKING IF THEY COULD BRUSH THEIR TEETH UPSIDE DOWN. THE DAD ASKED HIMSELF "WHAT WOULD JAMES KOCHALKA DO?", THEN LET THE KID DO IT. I THOUGHT GEEZ, I ACTUALLY WOULD'VE PROBABLY BEEN TIRED AND CRANKY AND JUST BARKED "NO"! ANYHOW THEN THIS HAPPENED.
Come on Eli! Time to brush your teeth
Come on, it's LATE!
Can I brush my teeth wearing this?
"what would James Kochalka Do?"
I guess actually I don't like it
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Market Tumbles on News That Bush Is Still President: White House Appearance "A Painful Reminder," Experts Say

President George W. Bush used a Rose Garden appearance today to reassure investors that he was at the helm of the U.S. economy, causing stock markets to plummet around the world.

"You don't have to worry about this economy because I am in charge of it," said Mr. Bush, touching off what some observers were calling a global financial panic.

Mr. Bush began his remarks about the economy at 10:30 a.m. Eastern time, and by 10:31, markets around the world had already gone into a perilous free fall.

According to Wall Street insiders, the markets were responding to the news that Mr. Bush was still president. "Over the last few weeks, the markets have absorbed the news of the subprime crisis, the housing meltdown and the Bear Stearns failure," said Logan Teasdale of Citigroup. "But the news that President Bush is still president was too much for the markets to shrug off."

Over the past few months, Mr. Teasdale said, traders have tried hard to forget that Mr. Bush was still president, but his White House remarks today were "a painful reminder."

> **You don't have to worry about this economy because I am in charge of it.**
>
> PRESIDENT BUSH

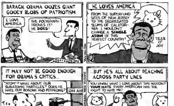
At the Federal Reserve, Fed chairman Ben Bernanke huddled with central bankers to find a way to calm the markets rattled by Mr. Bush's alarming appearance.

One solution reportedly being pondered by the Fed would involve sending Mr. Bush to Disney World for the remainder of his time in office.

Elsewhere, in a triumphal return to Yankee Stadium, former pitching great Roger Clemens threw out the first syringe.

Award-winning humorist, television personality and film actor Andy Borowitz is author of the new book The Republican Playbook. To find out more about Andy Borowitz and read his past columns, visit www.borowitzreport.com.

TED RALL


BARACK OBAMA OOZES GIANT GOOEY BLOBS OF PATRIOTISM
I LOVE AMERICA
THE POLYGRAPH PROVES IT! HE DOES!
HE LOVES AMERICA
FROM THE SUPERFUND SITES OF NEW JERSEY TO THE SEGREGATED SLUMS OF CALIFORNIA, I WOULDN'T CHANGE A SINGLE ATOM OF THIS PERFECT COUNTRY!
TEAR O' JOY
IT MAY NOT BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR OBAMA'S CRITICS...
"ATOM"? WHAT ABOUT OUR SUBATOMIC PARTICLES? DOES HE HATE OUR BOSONS AND FERMIONS?
ON AIR
TED RALL
...BUT HE'S ALL ABOUT REACHING ACROSS PARTY LINES
YOU KNOW WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS NATION? YOUR HATE. EVERY AMERICAN HAS THE RIGHT TO HATE ME!
NEXT: BARACK OBAMA LOVES LOVES LOVES, NAY ADORES, OUR PERFECT NATION, AMERICA, THE PLACE WHERE WE LIVE
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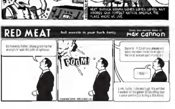
RED MEAT
boll weevils in your back forty
from the secret files of max cannon
Oh Heavenly Father, please grant me the strength to walk the path of righteous
BOOM!
Damn it...!! Could you please not talk to me when I'm in the middle of the most delicate part of creation
Gulp
Look, buddy, I shouldn't yell. It's just that I worked on that planet for six sitting days a week and I'm just feeling a little testy
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A reader from Fiji is encouraging me to pay a visit. "Fiji is heaven on earth," she says. "You'll be ecstatic here." While I have no doubt that's true, it's hard for me to imagine being any more ecstatic than I am when I travel to Hawaii. It, too, has resemblances to paradise. And the plane flight there takes five fewer hours and is $770 cheaper than the jaunt to Fiji. Do I really need a more heavenly heaven on earth than, say, Waimoku Falls Trail on Maui? I expect you're facing a metaphorically similar situation, Aries. The question you may want to ask yourself is this: Should you pine and aim for a state beyond perfection, or will mere perfection serve you just as well?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The *Washington Post* solicited ideas from readers about innovative strategies for wasting time. I'll offer you a few in the hope that they'll inspire you to take a major break from the Big Pressing Issues you're obsessed with. It's high time, in my opinion, to give yourself an enormous amount of slack — to forgive yourself for not being perfect — to dismiss any guilt you feel for not having accomplished all your life goals yet. In that spirit, consider the following time-wasters: (1) Send letters to the editor about grammatical mistakes in the classified ads. (2) Make yourself the world's top expert on a person randomly chosen from the phone book. (3) Keep a logbook in your bathroom to verify that the toilet bowl cleaner really does work for 1000 flushes. (4) Set the Guinness record for time spent reading the *Guinness Book of Records*.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In her book *Dr. Tatiana's Sex Advice to All Creation*, biologist Olivia Judson extols the male members of the fruitfly species Drosophila bifurca. Although they are barely one eighth of an inch long, their sperm can be up to 2.3 inches long. If a man were capable of the same prodigious production, his sperm would be as big as a whale. Metaphorically speaking, you Geminis now have the ability to generate phenomena on this scale. That's why I hope you will devote all your ingenuity and resourcefulness to creating an intricate, beautiful masterpiece, not a humongous, complicated mass of confusion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lewis Thomas was a physician who wrote elegantly about biology in books like *The Lives of a Cell*. I want to bring your attention to his meditation on warts. "Nothing in the body has so much the look of toughness and permanence as a wart," he wrote. And yet "they can be made to go away by something that can only be called thinking . . . Warts can be ordered off the skin by hypnotic suggestion." (tinyurl.com/5ctuck) Thomas regarded this phenomenon as "absolutely astonishing, more of a surprise than cloning or recombinant DNA." According to my astrological reckoning, Cancerian, you currently have a comparable marvel at your disposal. Using the power of your mind, you can shrink, dissolve, or banish a wart-like vexation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This would be a perfect time for you to write your ultimate personal manifesto. I'm talking about composing a sweeping statement of the core ideas that fuel your lust for life. To get you in the mood, take a look at the following lyrics from Danny Schmidt's song "Company of Friends": "I believe in restless hunger. I believe in private thunder. I believe in inspiration. I believe in slow creation. I believe in lips on sand...I believe in being wrong. I believe in contradictions...I believe in living anthems...I believe our book is written by our company of friends."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "The Japanese believe that crying babies grow fast," wrote John Flinn in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "and that the louder an infant wails, the more the gods have blessed it." The astrological omens suggest that a similar principle will soon hold true for you. The more you ask and blabber, the smarter you'll get. The louder you howl and moan, the more likely you'll be to attract benevolent influences and unexpected help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In order for some plants to thrive in the tropical forests of South America, they need bats to eat their fruits and poop out their seeds while flying around. Biologists call the bat excrement by a more lyrical name: seed rain. It's not too much of a stretch to invoke this relationship as an apt metaphor for your life right now, Libra. Like the bat-dependent plants, you now require the help of fertility agents whose work may be a bit messy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's the Week of the Fabulous Smirk. Not the Week of the Arrogant Smirk or the Vengeful Smirk or the Hateful, Whiny Passive-Aggressive Smirk. Rather, the Smirk that Passeth All Understanding. The Wise, Charitable, Fascinating Smirk. The Über-Smirk that says, "I've figured out what everyone's hiding, and I love them anyway." You are ready, Scorpio, to explore the Divine Smirk that arises naturally when you have outwitted an obstacle that was obscuring the truth from you, when you have finally seen through the delusion you were under and grasped the secret you weren't smart enough to see before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This would be a good week for you to compete in a flamethrower competition. You'd probably win. Why? Because according to my analysis of the astrological omens, you currently have an unprecedented knack for playing with fire. You would most likely also be victorious in a marshmallow-roasting contest or a *jump-over-the-bonfire* tournament. And you would probably do surprisingly well in any activity that might be described as "sitting in the hot seat."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "The great theme is not Romeo and Juliet," said poet Anne Sexton. "The great theme we all share is that of becoming ourselves, of overcoming our father and mother, of assuming our identities somehow." This is certainly your great theme, Capricorn. And it's especially important for you to devote yourself to it now. You're at a turning point in your lifelong transformation. You're being presented with a clear-cut choice between sinking back into the ill-fitting yet comfortable self that others have shaped for you, or else striking out into the frontier in a brave push to become a higher, deeper, more complete version of yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "We only hear questions that we are able to answer," said Friedrich Nietzsche. Luckily for you, Aquarius, there are two big, long-simmering questions for which you have recently begun to sniff out the answers. That means you're now able, at least potentially, to hear those questions. I have three pieces of advice to help ensure that you actually hear them. First, wash your brain out so it's got more free space in it. Second, give your listening skills a tune-up. Third, meditate on Edgar Allan Poe's idea that "Those who dream by day know many things which escape those who dream only by night."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Back in 1975, I began seeing a psychotherapist whose influence ultimately improved me in a thousand ways. At the end of our first session, she handed me a note as I left. It read: "If you don't articulate your conscious desires, your unconscious patterns will come true." She gazed at me firmly and said, "Don't come back until you've proved to yourself that those words are true. All my words will be of no use to you unless you take them to heart." It took me exactly 23 days to prove to myself that what she'd written was true. Now I offer you the same challenge, Pisces. Spend the upcoming week in intense contemplation of this hypothesis: "If you don't articulate your conscious desires, your unconscious patterns will come true."

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★★★ has its moments; so-so
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★★★★★ as good as it gets

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Flawless ★★★½

SCREEN GEM
Radford's first-rate caper film features Caine and Moore as unlikely partners in crime.

Diamonds truly are a girl's best friend in this heist thriller that has all the suspense, smarts and '60s-era style of a "Mad Men" episode directed by Alfred Hitchcock. The girl is the long-lost Demi Moore. In one of just two lead roles she's taken on so far this century, the actress plays Laura Quinn, the only female manager at the London Diamond Corporation.

The year is 1960, everybody smokes like chimneys, and Quinn has hit the proverbial glass ceiling. An American educated at Oxford, she's pursued her career with a single-mindedness that's earned her the contempt and curiosity of the female staff — but not the confidence of the company's ruling boys' club. She's been passed over more times than the control tower at Heathrow. But determined to persevere, she dashes off motivational notes to herself and leaves them on her desk to greet her the following day.

What Quinn doesn't suspect is that these private messages are also read by the night janitor, and they've inspired him as well. Michael Caine supplies the picture's centerpiece performance as Mr. Hobbs, a deceptively simple man with an extraordinary plan.

Having overheard an exchange between high-level executives, Hobbs realizes that Quinn is soon to be terminated. "It's extraordinary the conversations people will have in front of cleaners — as if we don't exist," he says with wonder, informing her of her fate during the first of a series of rendezvous. Banking on Quinn's sense of betrayal, Hobbs offers her an opportunity for payback.

The janitor has a scheme to help himself to a Thermos-ful of stones, and he needs only the entry codes to the vault. "They wouldn't even notice that much," he assures his initially reluctant partner in crime. Given that the room holds most of the world's supply of uncut gems — more than two tons — she has to concede his point.

The film was written by Edward A. Anderson and directed by Michael Radford, whose previous work includes *White Mischief* and *Il Postino*. Among its many pleasures is an unhurried pace, which allows for multiple nuanced character studies. The movie also offers plenty of nicely observed period detail, some spicy dialogue (I love the party scene where a coworker toasts Quinn with a salute "To pressurized carbon.") and a seemingly inexhaustible supply of twists.

Hobbs is a fabulously entertaining creation, and Caine brings him to life with the understated artistry that has distinguished his late career. While he may be the lowliest figure to walk the powerful corporation's hallways, he's invariably two steps ahead of everyone else. That includes Moore's character, who's as shocked as anyone when the full extent of the robbery is revealed.

The heist occurs at roughly the movie's midpoint. The build-up is unrelentingly suspenseful, and the execution is white-knuckle all the way. However, what follows in the film's second half is, to the director's immense credit, at least as much fun. Quinn quickly falls under suspicion when an investigator comes snooping around. Behind closed boardroom doors, all hell breaks loose between London Diamond's chairman and his chief insurer.

The former is played by Joss Ackland, a great old grump who's probably on the short list of Dumbledores in the event Michael Gambon should ever become unavailable. Derren Nesbitt plays the scoundrel who's been paid a fortune over the years to cover Ackland against just such a catastrophic loss, but who now seems more interested in finding loopholes than missing jewels.

The movie's primary mystery concerns Hobbs' true motivation for the theft. He's not a criminal in the standard sense, after all. "Two wrongs a right do not make — that's nonsense," he confides to Quinn elliptically. "Sometimes, to make something right, you have to do something just as wrong." All I'll reveal is that the crime has nothing to do with personal gain. Something far more complex and poignant drives Hobbs, and it will lead to changes in Quinn's life that she could never have expected and the viewer is unlikely to see coming.

Flawless is not without its minor imperfections. A plot development here and there, for example, relies a tad too heavily on coincidence. There are occasional moments when Moore's affect is so flat she comes off as borderline embalmed. Overall, though, this is a first-rate caper piece elevated by Caine's effortlessly elegant portrayal. The movie is wall to wall with pompous, sexist, greedy back-stabbers, and it's a hoot to watch Hobbs mop the floor with the lot of them.

RICK KISONAK

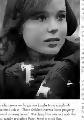
Smart People ★★½

GEEK HOUSE, BLEAK HOUSE
A Victorian lit professor tries to show up in Noam Murro's sort-of comedy.

Who'd have thunk it? In American entertainment, brainy curmudgeons are suddenly sexy. First came TV's wildly popular Dr. House, the dysfunctional genius with a massive chip on his shoulder. Steve Carell and Philip Seymour Hoffman played professorial grouches in *Little Miss Sunshine* and *The Savages*, respectively. And in *Smart People*, Dennis Quaid — a leading man so traditional he got to star in *The Right Stuff* — takes his turn at growing facial hair, dressing badly and snarling. Are we a nation of people who think they're smarter than their peers? Or with an election looming, are we yearning for a more cerebral leader, even one who's an arrogant jerk?

Smart People doesn't answer these questions, but it does suggest one thing: When intelligence becomes a crowd pleaser, it also becomes less ... smart. Writer Mark Jude Poirier, who adapted his novel to the screen, conceives the characters in very broad terms. On one side are the uptight crew: widowed English professor Lawrence Wetherhold and his precocious teenage daughter (Ellen Page), who preaches intellectual superiority and wants her dad to stay exactly the way he is. On the other side is Wetherhold's feckless adopted brother (Thomas Haden Church), a simple guy who knows how to enjoy life. Plot contrivance plunks the oaf down in the prof's household, where he encourages Quaid to date neurotic ER doc Sarah Jessica Parker and teaches Young Republican Page how to drink and smoke weed like a normal teen.

This is one of those movies casting makes or breaks, and first-time director Noam Murro scored a good ensemble. Church, who snagged an Oscar nomination as the slow-witted but decent foil to a smart guy in *Sideways*, plays a similar role here. With his guileless, cotton-mouthed delivery — as if he were perpetually waking with a hangover — he garners laughs from simple observations such as "These children haven't been properly parented in many years." Watching him interact with the prissy, scarily articulate Page (*Juno*) is good fun.



But there's a lot less chemistry between Quaid and Parker, whose budding relationship is at the movie's center. The problem is, it's a sitcom relationship. He has quirks and she has quirks, but neither is a full-fledged character. Quaid seems to have borrowed Hugh Laurie's mannerisms and wardrobe. He keeps getting huffy and popping his eyes, reviving memories of the most mean, dyspeptic windbag who ever gave you a C. But beyond the tics, he gives us very little sense of where the attitude is coming from.

Nerds may not be the easiest or most sociable folks, but one thing they aren't is generic. Like Trekkies or policy wonks, hard-core academics tend to have a pet field they won't stop talking about. Quaid's character makes this mistake on his first date with Parker. After a good half hour of listening to him pontificate, she's ready for the check. The thing is, we don't hear enough of Wetherhold's monologue to get a sense that he's anything but a pompous ass who needs the Love of a Good Woman. If he ever had genuine intellectual passion, it's gone now. The movie suggests his wife's death is responsible, but here again it fails to fill us in.

In *The Squid and the Whale*, Jeff Daniels played a professor who felt real. When he drooled over a hospital nurse because she looked like Monica Vitti in an Antonioni film, the detail was perfect. (Even his lusts were pretentious.) Noah Baumbach, who wrote and directed that movie, clearly knows the milieu of "smart people" — and just how painfully dumb they can be. In films like *Smart People*, by contrast, high IQ becomes just another foible. It's all about rattling off SAT words and glowering when other people can't keep up. If this is intellect, it's not hard to see why a large segment of the public prefers to watch Fox News.

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PREVIEWS

88 MINUTES First came *Nick of Time*, then "24." Now Al Pacino stars in this not-quite-real-time thriller about an FBI forensic psychiatrist who learns he has just 88 minutes to prevent his own murder. With Alicia Witt. Jon Avnet directs. (108 min, R)

EXPELLED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED Ben ("Ferris Bueller") Stein stars in Nathan Frankowski's documentary examining the contention that Intelligent Design is a legitimate science unfairly suppressed by an elite establishment. (90 min, PG. Roxy)

FLAWLESS★★★1/2 Michael Caine and Demi Moore are paired in this '60s-era heist caper about a night custodian who hatches a scheme to rob the world's largest diamond syndicate. Joss Ackland costars. Michael (*Il Postino*) Radford directs. (105 min, PG-13. Palace)

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL Jason Segel of "How I Met Your Mother" tries to forget former flame Kristen "Veronica Mars" Bell in this comedy also scripted by Segel and featuring various members of the Judd Apatow gang. Nicholas Stoller directs. (112 min, R. Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Roxy)

SHINE A LIGHT In the fall of 2006 Martin Scorsese and a battalion of world-class cinematographers joined The Rolling Stones for a series of shows at New York's Beacon Theatre. The result is this musical portrait of the world's most legendary rock band. (122 min, PG-13. Roxy)

THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM For the first time ever, Jet Li and Jackie Chan spar in this adventure tale set in ancient China and based on the classic epic *Journey to the West*. With Michael Angarano and Liu Yifei. [illegible] John Fusco wrote the screenplay. Rob Minkoff directs. (113 min, PG-13. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Paramount, Stowe, Welden)

UNDER THE SAME MOON Patricia Riggen makes her feature debut with this drama in which a young Mexican boy attempts to cross the border to join his mother who is living illegally in L.A. Starring Adrian Alonso and Kate del Castillo. (109 min, PG-13. Palace)

SHORTS

21★★1/2 Kevin Spacey stars in this fact-based account of an MIT professor who teaches his students the finer points of counting cards at the blackjack table. Jim Sturgess and Kate Bosworth costar. Robert Luketic directs. (122 min, PG-13. Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Stowe, Sunset)

COLLEGE ROAD TRIP★★ Martin Lawrence plays an over-protective father who accompanies his daughter on a tour of prospective colleges in this comedy from director Roger (*Just Friends*) Kumble. Raven Symone and Donny Osmond costar. (83 min, G. Sunset)

DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO!★★★ The children's classic gets the big-screen treatment on the 50th anniversary of its publication. Jim Carrey provides the voice of the beloved elephant who dedicates himself to protecting a speck of dust — which he's stunned to discover contains an entire microscopic city. The cast also includes Steve Carell, Seth Rogen, Amy Poehler and Carol Burnett. (88 min, G. Bijou, Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Paramount, Sunset, Welden)

DRILLBIT TAYLOR★★ Seth (*Superbad*) Rogen cowrote this comedy about three high school friends who hire a bodyguard to protect them from bullies. Starring Owen Wilson, Leslie Mann and Josh Peck. (102 min, PG-13. Essex)

GEORGE A. ROMERO'S DIARY OF THE DEAD★★1/2 The maker of *Night of the Living Dead*, *Dawn of the Dead* and *Day of the Dead* updates zombies for the YouTube generation with this film supposedly shot by college students in the midst of an undead attack. With Shawn Roberts and Joshua Close. (95 min, R. Roxy)

I'M NOT THERE★★★1/2 Christian Bale, Richard Gere, Heath Ledger, Ben Whishaw and Cate Blanchett play different facets of Bob Dylan in Todd (*Far From Heaven*) Haynes' exploration of the folk singer's legend and legacy. (135 min, R. Savoy)

IN BRUGES★★★★ Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson play a pair of London hitmen holing up in a storybook Flemish tourist trap in this comedy from writer-director Martin McDonagh. With Jordan Prentice and Ralph Fiennes. (107 min, R. Palace)

JUMPER★★ Doug (*The Bourne Identity*) Liman directs this adaptation of the best selling Steven Gould sci-fi novels about a group of people with the power to transport themselves through space and time. Hayden Christensen, Jamie Bell and Samuel L. Jackson star. (88 min, PG-13. Sunset)

LEATHERHEADS★★★ George Clooney directs and stars in this romantic comedy set against the backdrop of pro football's early days. With Renee Zellweger and John Krasinski. (114 min, PG-13. Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Roxy, Welden)

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY★★1/2 Frances McDormand and Amy Adams star in this period comedy about a middle-aged governess whose life is turned upside down when she takes a job as the social secretary for a young American actress. Directed by Bharat (*Killing Time*) Nalluri. (92 min, PG-13. Capitol)

NIM'S ISLAND★★1/2 Jodie Foster, Gerard Butler and Abigail Breslin star in this family fantasy about a young girl who lives on an un-

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lated island with her scientist father and winds up in an unlikely adventure with her favorite author. Based on the children's book by Wendy Orr. Directed by Jennifer Flackett and Mark Levin. (96 min, PG. Bijou, Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Stowe, Sunset, Welden)

PERSEPOLIS★★★★ This year's Best Animated Feature Oscar nominee tells the story of a young woman coming of age in Iran and clashing with increasingly repressive cultural forces. Adapted from the best-selling graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi with help from comic-book artist Vincent Paronnaud. The English-language version features the voices of Sean Penn, Gena Rowlands, Iggy Pop and several members of the original French cast. (95 min, PG-13. Palace, Savoy)

PETE SEEGER: THE POWER OF SONG★★★★ Jim Brown's documentary explores the life and legacy of the progressive-minded folk singer via archival footage and Seeger's home movies. (93 min, PG. Big Picture)

PROM NIGHT★ Brittany Snow and Idris Elba star in Nelson McCormick's unnecessary remake of the 1980 slasher tale about a group of high school friends terrorized by a party-pooping psychopath. (88 min, PG-13. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Paramount, Welden)

RUN, FAT BOY, RUN★★1/2 Simon Pegg stars in this comedy about a paunchy security guard who leaves his pregnant fiancée at the altar only to regret the move years later. With Thandie Newton and Hank Azaria. Directed by David Schwimmer. (100 min, PG-13. Roxy)

SEMI-PRO★★1/2 Will Ferrell's latest sports spoof is set in the 1970s and offers the saga of a struggling American Basketball Association team owner/coach/player. With Woody Harrelson, Will Arnett and Rob Corddry. Directed by Kent Alterman. (100 min, R. Stowe)

SMART PEOPLE★★1/2 Noam Murro makes his directorial debut with this ensemble comedy in which a self-absorbed literature professor and his ne'er-do-well brother work out long-neglected family issues. Starring Dennis Quaid, Thomas Haden Church, Sarah Jessica Parker and Ellen Page. (95 min, R. Majestic, Roxy)

STEP UP 2 THE STREETS★★1/2 This sequel to 2006's *Step Up* follows a rebellious street dancer as she tries to conform to life at a tony Maryland arts school. Briana Evigan and Robert Hoffman star. Jon M. Chu directs. (98 min, PG-13. Sunset)

STOP-LOSS★★1/2 From Kimberly (*Boys Don't Cry*) Peirce comes this drama that puts a human face on the military's controversial policy of forcing men and women in uniform to serve beyond their contracted terms. With Ryan Phillippe, Abbie Cornish and Channing Tatum. (112 min, R. Big Picture, Majestic, Palace)

STREET KINGS★★★ Keanu Reeves plays an LAPD vice detective on a mission to track down the men who killed his partner in this police thriller co-written by James Ellroy. Forest Whitaker and Hugh Laurie costar. Directed by David (*Harsh Times*) Ayer. (107 min, R. Essex, Majestic, Palace)

SUPERHERO MOVIE★★ Legendary spoofmaster David (*Airplane!*) Zucker lends his talents to this parody of — you guessed it — the superhero movie. Drake Bell, Leslie Nielsen and Marion Ross star. (85 min, PG-13. Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Sunset)

TAXI TO THE DARK SIDE★★★★1/2 From Alex Gibney, who gave us *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room*, comes this equally scathing look at the Bush administration's efforts to sidestep U.S. and international laws banning the use of torture. Winner of the 2007 Oscar for Best Documentary. (106 min, R. Roxy)

THE BAND'S VISIT★★★★ The award-winning feature debut from writer-director Eran Kolirin offers the gently comic saga of an Egyptian police orchestra stranded in a small Israeli desert town. Starring Sasson Gabai and Ronit Elkabetz. (89 min, PG-13. Roxy, Savoy)

THE BANK JOB★★★1/2 Jason Statham stars in this thriller from Roger (*The World's Fastest Indian*) Donaldson, inspired by real life events surrounding the 1971 robbery of the Lloyds Bank in London. Saffron Burrows and Richard Lintern costar. (110 min, R. Palace, Roxy, Stowe)

THE COUNTERFEITERS★★★★ August Diehl and Karl Markovics head the cast of writer-director Stefan Ruzowitzky's drama about prisoners in a Nazi concentration camp forced to take part in history's most elaborate counterfeiting operation. With Dolores Chaplin and David Striesow. (99 min, R. Roxy)

THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL★★1/2 Based on the best-selling novel by Philippa Gregory, director Justin Chadwick's period drama chronicles the rivalry between two sisters torn apart by their desire to win the King of England's heart. Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson and Eric Bana star. (115 min, PG-13. Marquis, Roxy)

THE RUINS★★1/2 Jonathan Tucker and Jena Malone star in this gore-athon about a group of young tourists who hike into the Mexican jungle in search of a missing man and find big-time trouble instead. Adapted for the screen by Scott B. Smith from his novel. Directed by Carter Smith. (91 min, R. Bijou, Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Palace)

VANTAGE POINT★1/2 Pete (*The Jury*) Travis directs this action thriller that examines an attempt on the life of a U.S. president from the points of view of eight strangers. With Dennis Quaid, Matthew Fox, William Hurt and Sigourney Weaver. (90 min, PG-13. Sunset)

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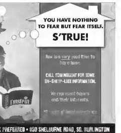
JUNO★★★★ Papa don't preach... A sassy pregnant teen (Ellen Page) decides to put her baby up for adoption in this comedy written by newcomer Diablo Cody. Michael (*Superbad*) Cera plays the dad. With Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman and Rainn "Schrute" Wilson. (91 min, PG-13)

LARS AND THE REAL GIRL★★1/2 In this comedy about companionship, Ryan Gosling plays an introverted small-town fellow who startles his family when he introduces them to his new "girlfriend" — a blow-up doll. With Emily Mortimer, Patricia Clarkson and Paul Schneider. Craig Gillespie directs. (106 min, PG-13)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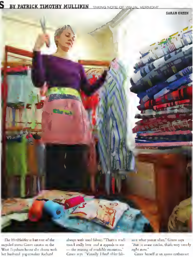
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You're at a craft fair, poking through sundry handmade goods, when Sarah Green's vibrantly colored textiles grab your attention — aprons, potholders, pillows, bags, coasters. But wait, back up: These are no ordinary potholders. They're works of art: three layers of sweatshirt material sandwiched between new and vintage fabrics at front and back. And, yes, they're "eco-friendly," made mostly from recycled cloth. But it's the images on the fabric that catch your eye. These are definitely not your grandmother's potholders. Or even your mother's.

Meet "HotHolders," each of which features one of five different shirtless, hunky handymen. HotHolders are the creations of the 40-year-old Vermont artisan. Her business slogan: "Because you're not the only thing in the kitchen that's hot."

The sexy potholders, and the motto, were inspired by a few yards of fabric Green bought the year before she started her now 2-year-old company, Mountain Ash Design. That particular length of cotton depicted 1950s beefcake types with surfboards, ukuleles and giant lobsters, and the HotHolders she made from it sold out quickly. Green couldn't find any more of the pattern (at least not until recently, when she scored some on a trip). So when she came across the current handyman-beefcake print, she purchased a full bolt.

It was a wise investment. Though Green also makes HotHolders adorned with Mexican folk-art scenes, animals, firemen and cowgirls, the Handymen are her biggest sellers. Only the top half of each gent fits on a 6-inch Hot Holder, by the way, so Green has a growing pile of discarded bottoms. "If anybody wants the legs, I'll cut them a deal," she offers.

Green does use a full-length handyman on another product — the inside pocket of her shoulder tote featuring a "secret helper." "He's ready to hold your knitting needles, boarding pass, whatever you need," she explains. Despite the innuendo, the images are not overtly sexual. Green refers to them as being "caught in fun moments of suspended sensuality."

Whatever the bottom line is, Hot Holders are hot items among customers of various sexual orientations. "There's a straight woman/gay man market that overlaps," Green says. "Straight women who like them for themselves and get a kick out of them, and women who also recognize that these guys are so gay. Ladies buying them for their gay male friends."

As far as she's concerned, the broad appeal is "great," and that's not a surprising response from a former sex educator with a degree — from Wellesley College — in art. Green surmises she's on a "mission" to present non-stereotypical, positive expressions of sexuality to the world in an accessible form.

"What could be homier and more accessible than a potholder?" she asks rhetorically. "Everybody needs potholders, even if they only cook out of their toaster oven."

The HotHolder is but one of the recycled items Green creates in the West Topsham home she shares with her husband, papermaker Richard Langdell, and their two children. Her studio/workshop, which doubles as a guest room, is filled with stacks of fabric, heaps of scraps and plenty of clutter. It's also home to her beloved Bernina 1031 sewing machine.

During the design stage, Green says, she lays out her work on a plain white bedspread. Most of the fabrics she uses in her domestic products have enjoyed previous lives; she picks them up at rummage sales, thrift shops and clothing swaps. Her description of cutting up a man's dress shirt sounds like a post-mortem. And, in a sense, it is.

"I very carefully cut off the collar and the cuffs, because I use those as decorative trim on my aprons," Green says, noting the procedure is done with her treasured Gingher scissors. "I cut off the sleeves. I cut up the side seams and the yoke. And then I have some lengths of fabric to work from. Pieces, I should say, not lengths. The shirt back is a fat rectangle."

The former button-down shirt, now reduced to pieces of cloth (the buttons join her son's burgeoning collection), will get a second life in the form of a HotHolder, a belt, a billfold, an apron or a tote bag.

When she was growing up in Duluth, Minnesota, Green says, frugality was a tradition and core family value. She recalls her grandmother making quilts and other items almost always with used fabric. "That's a tradition I really love, and it appeals to me — the reusing of available resources," Green says. "Visually, I find older fabrics more interesting than what you can see in all the fabric stores. They're more unique, and the objects are imbued with greater meaning." Old textiles, she suggests, "deserve another chance." Mountain Ash Design provides plenty of them.

These are definitely not your grandmother's potholders.

The same impulse drives the red-hot trend toward "reconstructed clothing," which hipsters can buy at local stores such as Winooski's Green Closet. For her part, though, Green has chosen to focus on domestic goods rather than apparel. "I wanted to make items that are practical and are going to be a part of people's everyday lives," she says. "It's not just something to look at."

Still, she concedes that her aprons double as a fashion accessory. Their hip, retro look appeals mainly to young women of urban backgrounds or sensibilities. Young Vermonters, Green speculates, may be a little shy about wearing them to prance around the kitchen. "If you're living in Vermont and you want to be sophisticated, that sort of country-retro look isn't what you're after," Green says. "But in some circles, that's very trendy right now."

Green herself is an apron enthusiast from way back — she's been collecting them for more than 20 years. But some of her customers are just discovering their allure. "I have had gay men who received my HotHolders come to me exclaiming, 'I want a matching apron,'" Green says. She plans to oblige with some reversible, man-style aprons featuring handymen on one side. "I'll probably only make a few and just offer them on my Etsy shop," she says, referring to Etsy.com, an online marketplace for buying and selling all things handmade.

Green is pleased with her company's growth and direction, she says. Last year she made more than $6000 in sales, which she reinvested in the fledgling venture. This year she's expanded her line of products to include shopping totes and baby quilts, made from recycled fabrics and new, 100 percent organic batting. Her products can be found at local craft fairs, select shops and galleries around the state, as well as online. And that's pretty hot. ⓢ

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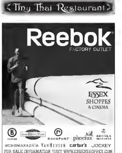
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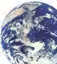

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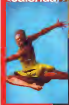

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Pondering the Passover paradox

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There's a well-worn joke that summarizes Jewish holidays in nine words: "They tried to kill us. We survived. Let's eat." It's sort of true. On Chanukah we memorialize the Maccabees' triumphant revolt against the forces of Emperor Antiochus by eating potato latkes. On Purim we celebrate the lifting of a death decree against Jews in Persia with triangular poppy seed pastries. Passover has a slightly different spin: commemorating the Israelite slaves' deliverance from Pharaoh's pursuing chariots with an elaborate ceremonial meal — and an eight-day regime of special dietary restrictions.

As the story goes, the Israelites had to flee before their bread could rise, so they baked unleavened bread. During Passover, Jews re-enact the event by forgoing foods that contain leavening agents, as well as grains that could leaven accidentally. A major exception is wheat that has been used to bake matzo. Like my parents before me, I pass up not just bread and flour-based products, but also corn, rice, peas, beans and soy, as well as their derivatives, such as corn syrup and soya lecithin.

One easy way to sort the dos from the don'ts is to take a trip to a supermarket with a big Passover section. Back in the day, these seasonal displays were pretty basic: matzo, gefilte fish, canned macaroons. These core foods may now share shelf space with such exotic grain-based items as brownie mix, granola, pasta shells, even chow mein noodles — all kosher for Passover. The message of this marketing miracle is that you can observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread and still eat pretty much the same goodies you enjoy all year.

Sounds good, right? After all, isn't it illogical to celebrate the "Festival of Freedom" by shackling oneself with a roll of periodic prohibitions? As we say in Yiddish, *au contraire*. To my mind, the point of Passover isn't deprivation but difference — not just between this week and every other week but, more importantly, between oppression and liberation. What makes the holiday all the more powerful is that we observe it so personally, in the minutiae of our daily lives.

Because the matzo-only rule applies not just to what Jews eat, but also to what we own, preparing for Passover means clearing all disallowed foods — or *hametz* — from the home. Traditionalists do a thorough spring cleaning, storing regular dishes and cookware in sealed cabinets and bringing out a special set that's used just one week each year. Forbidden foods are tossed, symbolically sold to non-Jews, or ceremoniously burned before the holiday begins.

When I was a kid, my mother removed *hametz* from the menu but not from the house. I take it a step further, packing up my own *Pesadich* provisions. I also put away the toaster. Then I wipe down the empty cupboards and refill them with the foods we'll consume during the next eight days.

I complain about the chore, but when I'm actually doing it, I like it. On a purely practical level, I'm glad to get rid of that last inch of stale breakfast cereal at the bottom of the box and that weird rice I know I'll never use. This is also the only time all year that I get around to cleaning those shelves. Less tangible — and more powerful — is the sense of expansiveness and, yes, freedom that comes from watching at least one corner of my crowded life emptying out, becoming clean and under control.

The festival begins at sundown, when family and friends gather for the Seder meal, which melds liturgy, learning, lots of food and four glasses of wine. Every Seder follows the same basic format, but each family adds its own flavor, picking which parts to stress in the program laid out in the Passover Haggadah. There are thousands of versions of this book. We own several. One published by Yeshiva University offers copious commentary. One from the Reconstructionist movement stresses social justice and never mentions God. A hippie Haggadah focuses on multiculturalism and spring renewal. After my parents died, we inherited the 12-copy set with

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lurid red and purple illustrations I remember staring at as a child. Many of the pages are splotched with wine stains and in the "master" copy, parts are assigned to different family members — many of them long gone — in my father's familiar scrawl.

If the centerpiece of Passover is the Seder, the centerpiece of the Seder is the Seder plate, a display of symbolic foods. Parsley signifies spring. A roasted lamb shank recalls the sacrifices performed in the ancient Temple. A roasted egg is redolent of Easter — and mysteriously never even turned in the course of the Seder. A "bitter herb" evokes the oppression of slavery. And a sweet mixture of chopped fruits and nuts, called charoset, resembles the mortar and bricks with which the Israelite slaves toiled.

I was raised on my grandparents' charoset, an unassuming concoction of apple, walnuts, cinnamon and sweet wine. But in recent years, I've started sifting on recipes from the Sephardic Jews of the Middle East to create a shiny blend of dates, figs and almonds sweetened with honey, studded with sesame seeds and spiked with cardamom, ginger and cayenne. The result is earthy, tangy and addictive.

We have our own take on the bitter herb, too. My parents' Seder plate boasted a hairy brown horseradish root. But for eating, they served an electric pink relish of horseradish mixed with vinegar and beets. Today when it's time to taste the bitter herb, my husband passes around slivers of the raw root. The jolt clears your sinuses and, if it's really kick-ass, can bring a flush of tears. Every year we ask, "If we get off on this effect so much, are we really fulfilling the commandment to taste the bitterness the Israelites experienced in Egypt?"

Questioning is essential to the Seder, which is designed primarily for pedagogy. In addition to the Haggadah's scripted queries, we come up with our own: "How could God justify inflicting the 10 plagues on innocent Egyptian civilians?" "What's that egg doing on the Seder plate?" And, every year, "When do we eat?" The discussion grows livelier and sillier as we work our way through those four prescribed servings of wine — which can be the subject of vigorous debate as well.

For decades, to American Jews, "Passover wine" meant square-bottled, screw-top Manischewitz Concord Grape, a deep purple libation as viscous and cloying as cough syrup. Then kosher vintners started turning out wines that actually taste like, well, wine. Some are even from France. A fierce dispute ensued. Is it better to stick with tradition and slog down the bad stuff, or to serve something to satisfy a sommelier? We offer our Seder guests a choice. But we still refill our own glasses with Manischewitz. We can sip vintage varietals any other time of the year.

Isn't it illogical to celebrate the "Festival of Freedom" by shackling oneself with a zillion prandial prohibitions?

At our house, the pre-meal program lasts about an hour. Then we clear away the Seder plate and the Haggadahs and tuck in. My recipe for chicken soup with matzo balls comes from my mother's mother, who used to prepare the soup ahead of time and bring it to my parents' house frozen in plastic containers she'd saved from deli purchases. To form light, well-shaped matzo balls, Big Grandma kept her palms slippery wet and her fingertips dry. When I use her trick, I picture her not in her kitchen, where I rarely saw her, but at my parents' Seder table, holding forth authoritatively on Israeli politics and smelling of Je Reviens perfume.

My Seders today also include chremsels, a treat my mother picked up from her mother-in-law. During Passover at my parents' house, Little Grandma sat opposite Big Grandma. My father's mother was considerably older and less stylish than her counterpart. She was also a lot quieter; she knew there was no point in trying to get a word in edgewise. The chremsel recipe she gave my mother is unlike any other I've found. I've seen the term chremsels — or *chremslach*, as the Yiddish is properly pluralized — used to describe fruit-and-nut fritters, fried mashed potato pockets stuffed with ground meat and potato pancakes *à la* latkes.

Little Grandma's are fried matzo and egg fritters soaked in steaming honey. They turn out sweet and starchy, moist and dense on the inside and crispy on the jagged outside. My husband hates them. Our kids also hate them. A friend of our son's once tasted one and declared with satisfaction, "Chicken!" Well, maybe chicken fingers. To me they taste like home. And, of course, like Passover, which is the only time I ever have them.

For breakfast the morning after the Seder, I prepare matzo brei — matzo and egg lightly browned in butter, frittata-style, and sprinkled with sugar at the table. My husband loves it with a squeeze of lime to balance the sweetness. My kids are indifferent no matter how it's served. I look forward to it all year and try to have it at least a few times during the week.

This post-Seder period puts some people in a panic. The prospect of eight days without peasant loaves or bread drives them to matzo-meal-based brownie mixes and ersatz noodles and other kosher-for-Passover products that simulate *hametz*. I run the other way, avoiding these products like the 10 plagues. I want to keep Passover feeling like Passover. So I stick with potatoes — fried, roasted, mashed, baked.

And for the remaining meals, lots of matzo. Crisp to the tooth and neutral on the tongue, it provides a perfect platform for cream cheese and honey. Substitute marmalade for the honey, and the taste is flavorful and full. Switch out the cream cheese for chevre or ripe avocado, and the effect is sexy and sophisticated. Or forget all that and eat matzo with just butter and salt, like popcorn. As we devour piece after piece, it's hard for us to believe this is the same stuff the Haggadah refers to as the "bread of affliction."

Other people might welcome the end of the holiday. But as I carry my boxes and bags of *hametz* back into the kitchen and watch my cupboards clutter up again, I usually feel some regret. During the year to come, my meals will be more varied, but they won't be eaten with such mindfulness. What I'm experiencing is disappointment in the face of abundance, an emotion I understand as a product of privilege. A luxury. It's a response that would never occur to me if I were, for example, a slave. That is the message that lingers when the sun sets and I raise that first bite of yeasty bread to my mouth. ⑦

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Cooking Clash

STUDENTS SHOW THEIR KETTLE METTLE

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The culinary competition — which asked students to create recipes that used five or more local ingredients and could easily be replicated in a school cafeteria — was a benefit for **VT Feed** and the **Burlington School Food Project**. It capped nearly eight months of planning and organizing. "I think it was an outrageously successful event," boasts **Stephanie Clark** of the **Burlington Legacy Project**. "A lot of people came out to support it and I was really happy with the enthusiasm and the energy of the participants."

Participants in the Intervale Center's **Healthy City** program won "Best in Show" for their trio of colorful veggie tater tots with a creamy dipping sauce.

For observers, it was a chance to learn about Healthy City, which Director **Jenn McGowan** calls "a program for kids who want to make a difference in their community." The youngsters work 25 hours per week all summer learning how to grow vegetables for a CSA and three farmers' markets as well as for **Fletcher Allen** and the **Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf**.

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Bookin' It

MORE WRITERS TOUT THE TASTES OF VERMONT

Last year, food-related books by Vermont authors were hot. Think *The Atlas of American Artisan Cheese* by **Jeff Roberts** and **Rowan Jacobsen**'s *A Geography of Oysters*, which garnered him a James Beard award nomination. Now a couple of local authors whose books will appear in the next few weeks are crossing their fingers for a similar reception.

In her first cookbook, *Dishing Up Vermont: 145 Authentic Recipes from the Green Mountain State*, **Tracey Medeiros** of Essex tried to create a volume "dedicated exclusively to Vermont products and recipes," she says. The transplant from Atlanta declares, "I think Vermont produces high-quality ingredients and I wanted to get the word out there."

So she turned to the chefs and farmers involved with the **Vermont Fresh Network** for inspiration and recipes. "I called farmers up and asked them to submit a recipe that best used their ingredients. When I contacted a chef, I asked them to utilize Vermont products they love and want to celebrate," Medeiros explains. Some of her entries came from the folks at **Nola's Secret Garden**, **Pete's Greens**, **The Inn at Weathersfield** and **Hen of the Wood at the Grist Mill**.

As Medeiros, 37, compiled the recipes, they were tested by **Charlie Hays**, formerly of Global Bites Catering. Medeiros, a Johnson & Wales grad who has worked as a freelance food writer, food stylist and recipe developer and tester for publications such as *Bon Appétit*, *Cooking Light* and *Eating Well*, "made sure all the recipes were written in a fashion that was suitable for both amateur and expert cooks."

Medeiros plans to donate a portion of her book's proceeds to the Fresh Network. She'll have her first signing at **Phoenix Books** in Essex on April 27.

Amy Trubek's new volume, *The Taste of Place: A Cultural Journey Into Terroir*, is all about dirt. More precisely, the UVM assistant professor of Nutrition and Food Sciences, graduate of Le Cordon Bleu cooking school and former executive director of Vermont Fresh Network writes about how the soil and weather where a product is grown affect its flavor. The whole complex concept is referred to as "terroir" — which comes from terre, the French word for earth or soil.

Although the book roves from France to the U.S. and back to tell the story of how place and taste intersect, two of its six chapters have strong local relevance. One is about "the agrarian and culinary values of Vermont," as Trubek puts it. The other deals with the intricacies of maple syrup flavor.

How did Trubek dig up the topic? "When I was working at **NECI**, I shared an office with the person who taught all the wine classes. He was always talking about terroir, and I got really intrigued," she says. She hopes her book will "continue the conversation we're already having in Vermont about the relationship between what we eat, where it comes from, what it tastes like and the natural environment."

Crumbs

LEFTOVER FOOD NEWS

Last year, when **Elisabeth Mannique** — co-owner of **Espresso Bueno** in Barre — attended the Northeast Regional Barista Competition, the competitors barely numbered in the double digits and the vibe was pretty chill. Last weekend when she traveled to Ithaca, New York, for this year's contest, things had changed. "There were 27 competitors. I don't even know if I would really call them peers; they were a little beyond," Mannique says.

Mannique didn't make it to the finals, possibly because of an awkwardly timed shaker malfunction as she created her "I heart maple" specialty drink. Still, it's hard to believe the judges didn't appreciate her concoction of **Monument Farms** cream, **Morse Farm** maple syrup and espresso shaken with ice.

The "amazingly intense" competition is big on details: "Last year I didn't know to serve women first among the judges," Mannique relates. "Or that if your tablecloth had one wrinkle, you'd lose points." This year she learned that bringing along your own grinder and a bus tub for dirty dishes is a must. There's always 2009.

Meanwhile, Barre has lost a coffee shop — The Firehouse Roasting Company & Café recently closed its doors. The space is for rent.

It must be the year of the Vietnamese Restaurant. Chinese eatery Ming's of South Burlington, which had closed for renovations, will not reopen in its space near **Waterfront Video**. Next up for the Shelburne Road spot: the **Vietnamese Noodle House**, which a voicemail message promises is "coming soon."

Went pho with that DVD of Juno? Joining Pho Hong and **Saigon Coffee and Tea**, the Noodle House is the third Vietnamese eatery to open in Chittenden County since January.

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Hot Comfort

In Jericho, "hump day" means there's food at Welcome Kitchen

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On a Wednesday afternoon, folks driving through Jericho on Route 15 may notice an easel standing by the side of the road that reads something like *Chicken pot pie, spinach lasagna, beef stew, macaroni and cheese.* Above it hangs a more permanent sign: "Welcome Kitchen Catering. Homemade meals to go Wednesday."

The "restaurant" is the restored farmhouse in which Becki Willis-Eaton makes a weekly church-supper-style appearance. Sporting kitchen clogs and an apron, the 50-year-old with wavy reddish-brown hair cooks up comfort food to go — including either chicken 'n' biscuits or chicken pot pie. She also offers salad with homemade dressing and gooey chocolate chip cookies. The bill usually comes to between $8 and $14 per person.

Willis-Eaton chats up her clients as she wraps their dinners. She does that roughly 40 times between 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. Then she washes the dishes, packs up her stuff and heads home to West Bolton, where she runs another, more typical catering business out of her *real* home. Did we mention the Jericho place belongs to her former in-laws? It's a testament to Willis-Eaton that she's on good terms with her ex-husband's parents. Her customers are loyal, too — enough to keep Willis-Eaton coming back every seven days.

Take young parents Hugh and Shana Griffith of Jericho. Says Hugh, "We are a family with young kids, and we have a slew of animals and house chores that need to be taken care of; it's absolute insanity. I enjoy cooking, but when you get to forgo the actual making of dinner mid-week, it's like the sun peeking through the clouds." The Griffiths are big fans of Willis-Eaton's crab cakes, ribs and guacamole. Of the guac, Hugh remarks, "It's really good. I have a sneaking suspicion she puts cream cheese in it, but I'm not sure."

Lisa Sottas, 39, of Jericho, recalls that Willis-Eaton "put out a sign almost two years ago and I think I was one of the first customers who came knocking on the door." She and her husband have two pre-school-aged children, full-time jobs and not much time to cook in their gourmet kitchen. After looking into other options, such as The Busy Chef in Essex, Sottas discovered Welcome Kitchen, where the pick-ups work within her time frame and the prices fit her budget.

But the taste of the food really has her sold. "I absolutely love her chicken and biscuits, and she does really good fish, too," Sottas raves. "It's a great service; I sort of plan my week around it."

Once upon a time, Willis-Eaton might have fondly imagined somebody else cooking up meals so *she* didn't have to. She didn't attend culinary school and although she made three squares for her family, she wasn't a particularly enthusiastic home cook. "I was so-so about it," she recalls. She worked in the recreation field, teaching swimming. But when she decided to change jobs, she ended up behind the stove. "One day I decided to walk into Bessy's in the Champlain Mill and asked if they needed a manager. I got the job and started to learn gourmet cooking," she explains. Eventually she realized that she was ready to "offer my own foods and do my own thing ... I'm pretty bold like that," she says.

But the way Willis-Eaton opted to run her business was unusual. "I decided that, since I had a small child at home, I would do home-cooked meals to go," she recalls. In 2000 she began a meal-delivery service called The Welcome Kitchen. Customers would order a day

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BECKI WILLIS-EATON

or two in advance, and Willis-Eaton prepared and delivered the food from her base in West Bolton. She was on call every day of the week, driving as far away as Huntington, Burlington or Waterbury — she often spent two hours just dropping off a few plates. The business grew rapidly, based largely on word of mouth. "I never marketed," Willis-Eaton says. "I distributed menus everywhere, and I put some things on a couple of local markets. One summer I did a couple of farmers' markets for name recognition."

Though customers sometimes wanted her to cater their events, Willis-Eaton was too busy with her regular work. "I didn't have much exposure to catering, and I didn't really have a clue how it worked," she says. That changed when a couple she knew from a farmers' market asked her to cater their civil union celebration. "I really wanted to support this woman and her partner," she recalls. "They would constantly give me work; they'd pass my name on." When that ceremony went well, Willis-Eaton found the confidence to begin catering more regularly, and business got better and better. "It was like a God thing. I wasn't manipulating anything. I just allowed whatever happened to happen, and it just kept growing," she marvels.

As her clientele grew, Willis-Eaton realized something had to give. "Gas got really expensive, and I was starting to do a lot of catering," she says. "I couldn't deliver anymore; it was not a productive use of my time." But with a core group of 150 customers who had supported her for years, Willis-Eaton was loath to drop the meals portion of her business. So she asked her in-laws, Suzanne and David Eaton, if she could set up a pick-up point at their home once a week. They agreed. Says Suzanne, "My husband had been a State Farm agent, so we were used to having people come in and out. We have the space, and rather than not use it, I love to invite people to come in."

In 2006, Willis-Eaton mailed an announcement to her customers asking them to make the transition to once-a-week service with her. They did. With a steady and enthusiastic client base for both her catering and hot meals, Willis-Eaton seemed to have it made. She had long since upgraded from her daughter's rusty "beater car," which she'd driven on endless deliveries, to a van stenciled with the company logo.

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>
> LISA SOUZA, CUSTOMER

But that growing success made her realize other aspects of her life needed to change. "I knew my marriage needed to be over, and I knew I needed to stop drinking," Willis-Eaton says candidly. "I felt out of touch with who I really was."

As she worked on her personal life, Willis-Eaton drew moral support from her work. "My business was something I clung to because not only was it supporting me, it wasn't something I worried over and fretted and micromanaged," she says. "I allowed myself to be guided by my intuition, and that helped me have the courage to have that same attitude in the other aspects of my life."

In 2007, Willis-Eaton quit drinking and filed for divorce from her husband. That move could have spelled the end of Wednesday night dinners at her in-laws' home, but the Eatons didn't see it that way. "I knew Becki before she married our son, and there wasn't any reason for us to change our relationship because they were no longer going to be married," Suzanne Eaton explains.

For her part, Willis-Eaton says, "Their commitment to doing the right thing and being supportive of me remained. It was very awkward, but we worked through it. They've always been warm and compassionate. ... A lot of healing has taken place."

Now, with her divorce finalized and a year of sobriety under her belt, Willis-Eaton says, "I have made quantum leaps in getting back to being true to myself." The business is going well, too, she attests: "I'm not making a ton of money, but I'm supporting my son and myself and making a profit. I'm kind of shocked when I realize it's happening."

Willis-Eaton's newfound confidence comes through when she talks to her customers. "There's more going on there than an exchange of food," she suggests. "They feel that, and I feel that. It's just one outlet for me to do what I'm supposed to do in life: really care about them for those five or 10 minutes. There's good stuff coming out of that kitchen, and it's not just the food."

Sometimes, though, Willis-Eaton has to put herself first. "A couple of weeks ago I'd promised strawberry muffins," she recalls, "and it came down to making the muffins or going to [an Alcoholics Anonymous] meeting. So I went to the meeting."

When folks asked after the muffins, she told them the truth. "I'm really open about my alcoholism, and I'm very open about my spirituality," she explains. "You face your fears, face who you are, and you deal with life. When you're open to the flow and are in tune with that, it's almost a spiritual thing. If you face it and walk through it, there's so much on the other side." ⑦

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DO THEY STILL MAKE TAPES? You know you've made it when hipsterer than thou arbiters of cool *Pitchfork Media* and mainstream pop-culture rags like *Entertainment Weekly* agree that your band rocks. Such is the case with Minneapolis-based indie-rock quartet **Tapes 'N' Tapes**. Riding a swell of underground buzz following 2006's blog laden breakthrough *The Loon*, the band has been a darling of discerning indie audiophiles from coast to coast. Touring in support of its sophomore effort *Walk It Off* — which hit stores last week — the band swings through Higher Ground's Showcase Lounge on Wednesday, April 16, with Austin's post-punk misfits **White Denim.**

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HI! FIDELITY

To some the independent record store is a Mecca of hard-to-find sonic delights; to others it's an intimidating fortress of hipster elitism. Either way, it holds a unique place in the hearts and minds of discerning music fans. Though the proliferation of online outlets both legitimate (iTunes, Amazon.com) and questionable (P2P sites, Bittorrent files, etc.) has been blamed for the decline of the music industry in general, many independent retailers have sustained by expanding upon the niche they serve in their respective communities. Though Nero plays his fiddle — or perhaps, "Guitar Hero" — while megastores such as Virgin Megastore limp, many smaller stores have managed to hold off cyber-fueled extinction.

One such destination is Burlington's **Pure Pop Records**. The store is a local landmark, beloved by generations of Vermont audiophiles. This weekend, the iconic basement boutique is joining like-minded indie emporia across the country by participating in National Record Store Day. A made-up holiday of sorts, the event was created to recognize the vital role that stores such as Pure Pop serve. The impending celebration has attracted a fair amount of attention from national media outlets and big-deal artists such as **Paul McCartney**, who claims, "There's nothing as glamorous to me as a record store." Right. Anyone else think Sir McCartney maybe hasn't set foot in an indie record store in a while? Ask him, Paul, Starbucks doesn't count.

This Saturday, Pure Pop offers protégé music consumers the chance to reconnect with their stacks-digging roots by offering loads of free stuff — CDs, DVDs, posters, dis- [illegible] glances for perusing the latest [illegible] album, etc. There are also whispers of a few special live performances from some choice local acts, though as of press time the lineup was unconfirmed!

But the coup de grace is a used-CD-buy-back promotion. Essentially, shoppers can bring in their old albums and sell them to Pure Pop for up to 50 percent more than the typical buy back rates. You can then use the cash to sift through the discarded gems from other folks' collections in what portends to be a feeding frenzy of Filene's Basement proportions. Hipsters are typically a docile group. But with an original pressing of **Daryl Hall's** prog-rock opus *Sacred Songs* is on the line, all bets are off. If you think I'm kidding, swing by the store this weekend and see for yourself!

EEK-A-FESTIVAL

A couple of weeks ago, I attended an upcoming press conference announcing the lineup for this year's installment of the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. In the weeks leading up to the main event, you'll find loads of info about the fest in these pages, so I won't divulge too much now. I will, however, offer up a few choice highlights that caught my attention.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the festival and, in honor of this milestone, organizers are pulling out all the stops. The 2008 headliners include legends such as **Ornette Coleman** and **Dave Brubeck** as well as up-and-coming acts such as **Rik** [illegible] and Afro-jazz guitar virtuoso **Lionel Loueke**.

The Waterfront Tent will be a-hoppin' as always with Jamaican reggae legend **Eek-A-Mouse**, who apparently invented inimitable scatting ... just kidding. I seem to get into trouble when I credit Jamaican reggae stars with inventing anything, so I'll hold my tongue — except to say that Mr. Mouse is generally considered one of the godfathers of dancehall. Let the angry letters begin!

Of course, the entire city will be positively pulsing with world-class music for those glorious 10 days in late May and early June. But even though we're barely midway through April, it's never a bad idea to plan ahead. Tickets for all shows are on sale now at www.discoverjazz.com.

INDIE DARLINGS

This just in: Local psychedelic indie-rock outfit **Hinoprix** is putting the finishing touches on a long-awaited debut record. In the build-up to the big event, the band has a couple of noteworthy gigs this week that local fans ought to put in their Google calendars.

HINOPRIX

On Wednesday, April 16, the band graces the hallowed halls of academia with a visit to local music showcase Exposure on UVM's free-form radio station WRUV — that's 90.1 on your FM dial, if you still have a radio, or www.uvm.edu/~wruv for the interweb set. The broadcast starts at 7 p.m. sharp.

The following Tuesday, April 22, you can catch them live and in person at Higher Ground's Showcase Lounge — the band returns to the venue for the first performance since a recent opening slot for **The Fiery Furnaces**. Then again, they're warming up for Washington, D.C.'s heavy psychedelic-rock **Sonic** [illegible]. Consider me, um, "psyched."

REVISIONIST HISTORY

Speaking of new albums, here's an interesting tidbit that crossed my desk recently. Ithaca-based math-rock trio **Revision** have been touring the country in their veggie-oil-powered van, racking up about 100 shows per year. What's interesting about a touring jam, er, math-rock band, you ask? Well, nothing, really. But stick with me.

This Thursday the band is playing a "CD" release party at Nectar's for their new record *Amplification*. I'm using quotes here because the CD isn't really a CD. Nothing, the album is available on a 1-GB USB drive in an effort to cut down on waste. Plus, once you've loaded the album and accompanying bonus material onto your computer, you'll have a free USB drive. Nifty, no?

REVISION

I'm not familiar with Revision's music, but they claim to blend "the instrumentation of **Tortoise** with the songwriting savvy of **Wilco**," to which I say: no comment.

However, if you buy the album and don't like it, you could sell it to Pure Pop this Saturday and perhaps that Daryl Hall prog box. Just a thought.

HAPPY TRAILS . . . ER, BIRTHDAY

Mosquito sightings have been somewhat rare of late, which is a bummer for the band's catchy "swampy stuff" fan base. Fortunately, this Monday the band is reconvening at Red Square in celebration of noted front man/smiley-tooth idol **Brett Hughes**' 41st birthday.

OK, I lied. In truth, Brett is a bit beyond hooking age. But anyone who plays as often and with as much charmful enthusiasm as the estimable Mr. Hughes is young at heart, regardless of what the calendar says. Yee-haw, indeed.

MICHELLE'S EARTH

The impending trial of UVM senior **Michelle Gardner-Quinn**'s alleged murderer **Brian Rooney** will no doubt dominate headlines in the coming months. As the tragic circumstances surrounding her death re-enter our collective consciousness, it will be more important than ever to remember the positive impact Gardner-Quinn had in her all-too-brief existence.

With that in mind, local do-gooders **Wyld Stallions Records** is presenting a concert to benefit Michelle's Earth Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to carrying out environmental work in her memory. This Thursday, The Monkey House plays host to some of the area's finest female songwriters, including **Steph Clark**, **Marie Claire**, **Maryse Smith** and **Aya Inoue**'s latest project, **The Leaves**.

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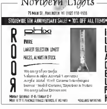
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SINGING WEDNESDAY: AVA [illegible] (singer-songwriter), 1/2 Lounge, 7:30 p.m. NC, followed by **WHIPLASH** (hip-hop), 10 p.m. NC.

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UMPHREY'S MCGEE, RUE MELO (jam), Higher Ground Ballroom, 9 p.m. $25/27. AA.

TAPES 'N' TAPES, WHITE DENIM (indie rock), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 8:30 p.m. $12/14. AA.

LIVE MUSIC, Club TBA, 7 p.m. NC.

CELTIC PARTY: CELTIC THYME, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.

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OPEN POETRY SESSION, On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC.

ERIC TAYLOR (Americana), Good Times Café, 8 p.m. $15. AA.

KARAOKE, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.

TRIVIA NIGHT, Two Brothers Tavern [illegible], 7:30 p.m. NC, followed by **THE GRIFT** (Phish tribute), 10 p.m. NC.

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HONKY-TONK HUMP DAY WITH MARK LEGRAND & FRIENDS, Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations, followed by **[illegible]**

RIGGINS (experimental, indie), 8 p.m. Donations.

COMEDY NIGHT, Black Box Bar & Restro, 8:30 p.m. $5.

OPEN MIKE, Middle Earth Music Hall, 8 p.m. NC.

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OPEN MIKE, Monopole, 9 p.m. NC.

BEYOND GUITAR HERO, Olive Ridley's, 9 p.m. NC.

BLUE FOX (blues), [illegible], 7:30 p.m. NC.

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JAZZ JAM, Radio Bean, 6 p.m. NC; **SHANE HARDIMAN GROUP** (jazz), 8 p.m. NC; **ANTHONY SANTOR TRIO** (jazz), 11 p.m. $3.

ACOUSTIC LOUNGE SONGWRITER SERIES WITH JOSH BROOKS, Parima Acoustic Lounge, 8 p.m. NC.

ELLEN POWELL & GEOFF KIM (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.

TWIDDLE (jam), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

A-DOG PRESENTS (hip-hop), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC.

JAH RED (Latin-soul), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.

TOP HAT TRIVIA, Nectar's, 7:30 p.m. NC, followed by **REVISION** (rock, CD release), 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+.

WINOOSKI YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BENEFIT WITH SPIRITUAL REZ (reggae), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. $10/15. 18+

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION BENEFIT WITH DJ SKEE & ROBBIE J (hip-hop), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $10/15. 18+

TOP HAT ENTERTAINMENT DANCE PARTY (hip-hop, '80s), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. NC.

REGGAE NIGHT WITH DOUBLE J & ROBBIE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

DJ ZATTIE Z (downtempo, soul), The Green Room, 9 p.m. NC.

TIM CIMINO (singer-songwriter), The Skinny Pancake, 8 p.m. Donations.

DAR WILLIAMS (singer-songwriter), Higher Ground Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. $25/27. AA.

SURPRISE ME MR. DAVIS WITH NATHAN MOORE & THE SLIP, THE LOW ANTHEM, CANNON ROBBER (indie, rock), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 8:30 p.m. $12/14. AA.

HOOTERS KARAOKE EXTRAVAGANZA, Hooters, 7:30 p.m. NC. AA.

WYLD STALLIONS RECORDS PRESENTS: THE LEAVES, MARYSE SMITH, MARIE CLAIRE, STEPH CLARK (rock, singer-songwriters, Michelle's Earth Foundation benefit), The Monkey House, 8 p.m. $5.

KARAOKE WITH STEVE LECLAIR, Club TBA, 7 p.m. NC.

BLUES NIGHT: BOB STANNARD & FRIENDS, Backstage Pub, 7 p.m. NC.

WCLX BLUES NIGHT: LEFT EYE JUMP, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 8 p.m. NC.

BALANCE DJ & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

STONE, COANE & SECHER (bluegrass), On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC.

ERIC TAYLOR (Americana), Good Times Café, 8 p.m. $15. AA.

SHELLHOUSE (R&B), The Bobcat Café & Brewery, 8 p.m. NC.

LARSON (jazz), Two Brothers Tavern, 10 p.m. NC.

central

TIMKE & KEREPKA (folk), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations, followed by **KNOTTY PINE** (folk), 9 p.m. Donations.

northern

OPEN MIKE WITH MIKE PEDERSON, Olive Ridley's, 9 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE NIGHT WITH BAISY ENTERTAINMENT, Tabu Café & Nightclub, 9 p.m. NC.

KELLY RAVIN TRIO (roots), The Hub Pizzeria & Pub, 7:30 p.m. NC.

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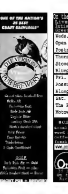
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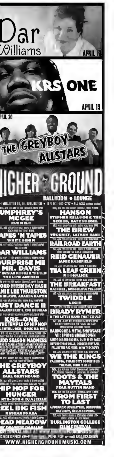
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TUE 22

WHY DO THEY (STILL) ROCK SO HARD? :: Remember ska? It seems like only a decade ago rude boys and girls of all ages were packing nightclubs across the country to skank the night away. Oh, right: It was a decade ago. Though ska's popularity has waned in recent years, some still carry the torch. One such act is Southern California's **Reel Big Fish**, arguably the most commercially successful band from ska's Third Wave. This Tuesday, the keepers of the ska-pop flame bring said torch to the Higher Ground Ballroom with local ska-punk revivalists Husbands AKA.

THU 17 << 11B

DAVID HUMPHREY (American roots), Rose Smokehouse & Grill, 7 p.m. NC.
VAGABOND VAN (Americana), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

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ANDY ALLEN GROUP (jazz), Radio Bean, 7 p.m. NC. **PHILOSOPHER KING** (rock), 9 p.m. NC. **ORGANIC FUNK** (funk), 10 p.m. NC. **STAR STREAK** (power-pop), midnight. NC.
JENN ADAMS & JESS CLEMONS (singer-songwriters), Parima Acoustic Lounge, 9 p.m. Donations.
SUPERSOUNDS DJ (top 40), Rí Rá Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
CHROME COWBOYS (vintage country), Red Square, 9 p.m. $3, followed by **DJ NASTEE** (hip-hop), midnight. $3.
MAGNOLIAS (country), 1/2 Lounge, 7:30 p.m. NC, followed by **BLACK DIMENSIONS IN HOUSE WITH DJ CRAIG MITCHELL**, 10 p.m. NC.
WILL KIRK (singer-songwriter), Nectar's, 5:30 p.m. NC. **SETH YACOVONE** (solo acoustic blues), 7 p.m. NC. **BAD FUZZ, DAPHY RYDER** (rock, jam, CD release), 9 p.m. $5.
TOP HAT DANCETERIA (80s), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $3.
VIRGOS WITH DJ ROBBIE J. (hip-hop, top 40), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $7/10. 18+
DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
DJ B (funk, soul, groove), The Green Room, 10 p.m. NC.
TICK TICK PRESENTS: MOREE MECHANIQUE, BRIDGET MARTIN, JENNY MONTANA (indie-folk, singer-songwriters), The Skinny Pancake, 8 p.m. Donations.
WOKO BIRTHDAY BASH WITH JAMIE LEE THURSTON, THE INLAWS, AMANDA MARTIN (country), Higher Ground Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. $10/12. AA
JUST DANCE 2 WITH DJ ALANPERRY & DJ BEN DOUGLAS (house), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 9 p.m. $7/10. AA
LIVE MUSIC, The Monkey House, 9 p.m. NA.
RHYTHM ROCKETS (rock), Club TBA, 9 p.m. NC.
KARAOKE WITH STEVE, Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC.
RED HOT JUBA (cosmic Americana), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.
DAVE ABAIR (rock), Banana Winds Café & Pub, 7:30 p.m. NC.
RUMBLE KILL (country, rock), Franny O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.
U BE THE STAR ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS KARAOKE WITH MICHAEL-SEAN [illegible], Champlain Lanes Family Fun Center, 9 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

POSSUMHAW (folk), On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC.
CITY LIMITS DANCE PARTY WITH TOP HAT ENTERTAINMENT, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.
HAPPY HOUR WITH COCONUT GROVE STEEL DRUM BAND, Two Brothers Tavern, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **WILEY DOBBS** (bluegrass), 10 p.m. NC.

central

LEFT EYE JUMP (blues), Charlie O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.
THE MUCKRAKERS (folk), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations, followed by **THE DAVE KELLER BAND** (blues), 9 p.m. Donations.
THE JOSH BROOKS BAND (rock), Black Door Bar & Bistro, 9:30 p.m. $3-5.
LAST KID PICKED (rock), Gusto's, 9 p.m. NC.
TRINITY (Irish), Cider House BBQ & Pub, 7 p.m. NC.

northern

LIVE MUSIC, JP's Pub, 9:30 p.m. $3.
LIVE MUSIC, Bayside Pavilion, 9 p.m. NC.
SUCIO (rock), Monopole, 10 p.m. NC.
THE VERNACULAR (rock), Olive Ridley's, 10 p.m. NC.
FLOOD (rock), Krazy Horse Saloon, 10 p.m. NC.
DJ NIC-E-BOY (Top 40), Rusty Nail, 10 p.m. $5.
DELTA JUNCTION (blues), The Matterhorn, 9 p.m. $5.
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PIKE & HERRERA (folk), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

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ZACH COOPER PROJECT (jazz), Radio Bean, 3 p.m. NC. **MATT HAGAN** (singer-songwriter), 6 p.m. NC. **MYA ELAINE** (singer-songwriter), 7 p.m. NC. **SETH ADAM TRIO** (rock), 8 p.m. NC. **PRETEND YOU'RE HAPPY** (indie), 9 p.m. NC. **THE EARTHMEN TRIO** (rock), 10 p.m. NC. **SECOND AGENDA** (hip-hop, roots), midnight. NC.

THE KELLY RAVIN TRIO (roots), Parima Acoustic Lounge, 9 p.m. Donations, followed by **DJ PAPI PRIMAVERA** (hip-hop), 11 p.m. Donations.

THE X RAYS (rock), Rí Rá Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

VT UNION PRESENTS: SONS OF KALAL (hip-hop), Red Square, 9 p.m. $3, followed by **DJ A-DOG** (hip-hop), midnight. $3.

CANNON FODDER (rock), 1/2 Lounge, 8 p.m. NC, followed by **STEREOPHONIC WITH TRICKY PAT** (jazzy breakbeats), 10 p.m. NC.

ERIK LIVERMORE (singer-songwriter), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC. AA, followed by **THE LATHAM BAND**, **THE KENAMI KREW**, **ORGANIC FUNK** (rock, funk), 9 p.m. $3.

RETRONOME ('80s dance party), Club Metronome, 10 p.m. $5.

MASSIVE (DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $3.

DEJA VU LADIES NIGHT (top 40), Second Floor, 8 p.m. $5/10. 18+.

DJ C-LOW (hip-hop), Ruben James, 10 p.m. NC.

DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

"PULSE" WITH LIVE DJ (electronica), Green Room, 10 p.m. NC.

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE (alt-country, garage), The Skinny Pancake, 8 p.m. Donations.

TRACI & PAUL CASSARINO WITH JEFF WHEEL (acoustic), Harbor Lounge, 7:30 p.m. NC.

JENNI JOHNSEN & FRIENDS (jazz, blues), [illegible] Bistro, 8 p.m. NC.

KRS-ONE & THE TEMPLE OF HIP-HOP, ALL INTELLECTS, TRICK & KID (hip-hop), Higher Ground Ballroom, 8 p.m. $40/45. AA.

MIND HEALTH MADNESS HOSTED BY PAUL COOK (standup comedy; VT Center for Independent Living benefit), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 8 p.m. $13. 18+.

SARA GRACE & THE SUITS, JOSH ADAMS, JOSH CLEMONS (rock, singer-songwriters), The Monkey House, 9 p.m. $6.

DAN EARLE & THE BLAME (rock), Club TBA, 9 p.m. NC.

RUN FOR COVER (rock), Backstage Pub, 8:30 p.m. NC.

THE RHYTHM ROCKETS (rock), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 8 p.m. NC.

BALANCE 33 & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 8 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

THE REAL DEAL (R&B), On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC.

DANCE PARTY WITH DJ EARL, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.

REBECCA PADULA (folk), Carol's Hungry Mind, 7:30 p.m. $10. AA.

SNUGGLEPUPPIES (top 40), Two Brothers Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.

central

RACHEL RICE & THE COSMIC AMERICANS (alt-country), Charlie O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.

SESSION AMERICANA (folk), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. NC.

MYRA FLYNN & SPARK (eclectic), Black Door Bar & Bistro, 9:30 p.m. $3-5.

RED ROOSTER (rock), Gusto's, 9 p.m. NC.

NORTH STAR AMERICA (folk), Cider House BBQ & Pub, 7 p.m. NC.

GUY DAVIS (blues), Middle Earth Music Hall, 8:30 p.m. $10.

northern

JAPHY RYDER (rock), Monopole, 10 p.m. NC.

GARY PEACOCK (acoustic), Monopole Downstairs, 10 p.m. NC.

ELEPHANTEAR (rock), Olive Ridley's, 10 p.m. NC.

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SHAWN GRADY, *MY BABY MAKES MAGIC*

(Self-released, CD)

Shawn Grady's *My Baby Makes Magic*, recorded locally a year ago, features two songs employing the concept of magic as a central metaphor. On the simply titled "Magic," it represents the narrator's healing and prowess:

"I'm magic, / I can't get no trouble. / Magic / I ain't got no fear," she sings. However, in the album's title song, "magic" refers to the manipulation and deceit of a lover as she laments, "My baby makes magic / You know all makes me cry / He always plays his tricks on me." Use of the same word to explore two disparate themes reveals one of Grady's key talents: She can find timelessness and versatility in the commonest of situations.

If one were to combine the smoky-bar vibes of early Tom Waits with the irreverent understatedness of Kimya Dawson, it would probably sound like *My Baby Makes Magic*. Grady's songs are presented without bells and whistles. Her guitar and voice dominate each number, with only the sparsest accompaniment to add texture and character. It is the sort of thing Paul McCartney was going for with "Her Majesty" or, to a lesser extent, "Honey Pie."

Such a minimalist presentation only works with the right voice. Listen to a great delta blues artist like Mississippi John Hurt — there is so much going on in his kind of vocal delivery. Beyond pitch and timbre, it contains a deep communion of emotion. Pain, humor, angst and sadness are transcended by that pure sobriety. The execution of each ritual feeling stimulates healing and affirmation.

Grady's voice has these qualities. It's really rather eerie. I want to believe that only seasoned musicians in their autumn years can sing with the wise and weathered warmth that young Grady wields. She delivers wonderful lines such as "You could wind up black-hearted / you could go all wrong / you could wind up black-hearted / it don't take long."

Shawn Grady doesn't just demonstrate an understanding of America's most enduring song genre; she owns it. The album's only cover, "Change Your Mind," was composed by the great Blind Boy Fuller in the early 20th century, yet it seamlessly coexists with her original compositions.

At just under 30 minutes, *My Baby Makes Magic* never wears out its welcome. Grady is an excellent songwriter and performer. Fans of vintage blues, singer-songwriters or even lo-fi folk should not hesitate to pick this one up. In fact, even if you think you don't dig that stuff, check it out anyway.

KEKE VAN DER POLL

BAD SUIT, *BAD SUIT*

(Self-released, CD)

When is a jam band not a jam band? When it's a progressive-funk band, of course. Or a jazz-funk band. Or a reggae-rock-hip-hop-jazz fusion-klezmer-polka-swing-Hammer-on-bluegrass band. Or a ... well, you get the idea. As the term "jam" has become something of a four-letter word, more and more bands attempt to mask their noodly tendencies with hyphenated genre descriptors. But in the case of Burlington's Bad Suit, "prog funk" is anything but subterfuge. Rather, it's a fitting description of the inventive blend of lost mental noodling found on the trio's self-titled studio debut. When is a jam band not a jam band? When it's Bad Suit.

The disc gets underway with "Greenneck Appendage," fueled by a swirling opening guitar riff courtesy of Kevin Stevens and doubled by bassist Alex Budney. The tune sets a laid-back edit driving groove, alternately giving way to a nifty double-time bridge. Under the precise polyrhythmic command of drummer Tim Sharbaugh, the band alternates between the two feels several times before bringing it all back around to close on the opening riff.

"Wrong Way Gone" begins as a meandering, low-key guitar-driven affair, with Budney quite cleverly chiming in with tasteful bass harmonics. But as quickly as the listener settles into the tune's playfully ethereal textures, the band unceremoniously switches gears, with local style. I spent a good 20 minutes trying to figure out the time signatures involved and I'm still stumped. It's deceptively intricate. Thankfully, for meter-challenged folks like myself, the band closes out the tune with a good old-fashioned 4/4 romp.

As previously noted, Bad Suit bills itself as "progressive-funk" and, more than any number on the disc, "Driven Out" makes out this designation. Generally the band falls on the proggier end of the spectrum. But here Budney becomes unleashed, laying down some seriously fat funk bass lines. True to form, the players once again mix it up structurally. This time it turns into my favorite moment on the disc, as Stevens delivers a series of lines recalling the psychedelic surf soundings of The Ventures.

"Levante!" is the jazziest cut on the record and my least favorite. Where the previous tunes — and album closer "Sometime" — find the band exhibiting tasteful taste and restraint, here we get an earful of wah-pedal wankery. Call it a personal bias, but the song does a disservice to an otherwise fine recording.

This Friday, Nectar's hosts a double dose of CD releases as Bad Suit teams up with Japhy Ryder, celebrating the release of their latest, *In Consequence*.

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BY JOICE PETERS

Revered for his inventive National Steel guitar playing, spiritual vocals and immensely poetic lyrics, singer-songwriter Chris Whitley died of lung cancer in November 2005 at the age of 45.

Whitley was born in Texas but spent his formative years in Vermont, returning to the state later in life to record 1998's stunning, stripped-down record *Dirt Floor* in his father's barn. As a child, he also lived with his family in Connecticut and Mexico before moving to New York City's West Village. There he busked in Washington Square Park at the tender age of 17.

While in NYC, Whitley was introduced to famed U2 producer Daniel Lanois. That meeting would eventually lead to his first record, 1991's *Living with the Law*. The album would garner significant critical acclaim, including from *Rolling Stone* magazine, which declared it the best debut of that year.

The depth, intensity and integrity of Whitley's music inspired ardent admirers, including such diverse musicians as Dave Matthews, Beth Orton and Iggy Pop. Whitley's passing was felt strongly in music communities throughout the world.

Seven Days recently spoke with spoke with Chris Whitley's brother, Dan Whitley, his daughter, Trixie Whitley, former Living Colour front man Vernon Reid, and noted Texan songwriter Alejandro Escovedo in advance of their upcoming collective tribute concert to the late songwriter at the Bellows Falls Opera House.

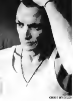
Alejandro Escovedo, Vernon Reid, The Dan Whitley Band, Trixie Whitley and Melissa Shankar perform the music of Chris Whitley at the Bellows Falls Opera House, Saturday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. $18/24/45.

SEVEN DAYS: This will be the third Bellows Falls celebration for your brother. How does that feel?
DAN WHITLEY: The lineup this year is awesome: the incredible Alejandro Escovedo and Vernon Reid are performing. And Trixie [Whitley] being there makes it even more special. It will be a pretty amazing and intense thing. It's about celebrating Chris' artistic and humanistic spirit. Everyone will be doing their own interpretation of Chris' work and his poetry, which is perfect. Chris never played the same song twice the same exact way. He was always pushing himself further and reinventing.

SD: How did you select which songs of Chris' to perform?
DW: "Wild Country" is just so fitting. It's one of my favorite songs and I'm psyched to do that one.

SD: Does "Wild Country" have a connection with Vermont?
DW: Yeah. Metaphorically I see it as about change and metamorphosis. I've always completely related to Chris' imagery because we grew up in the same places and experienced a lot of the same stuff.

SD: What would you say is the essence of your father's music?
TRIXIE WHITLEY: He hated that image thing that people created about him: this great, handsome guitar cowboy player dude. He delivered very honest art. But he was much more than a great guitar player and songwriter. In my eyes, he was a poet of extreme value. If you listen to his lyrics, they're not just typical little love songs. The way he breathes in his music. Whatever is running through his blood is his art.



CHRIS WHITLEY

SD: You performed at the 2006 Austin, Texas, tribute for Chris. How did it feel sharing the stage with Dan Whitley and performing Chris' songs?
VERNON REID: It was really special to be on stage with Chris' brother, Dan. Chris was a very temperamental person; he wouldn't stay put long in one genre or one place. He was a relentless seeker. He was as real as Johnny Cash was real to me.

Chris spoke to the secret part of ourselves. It will be interesting to see where the legacy goes. It's clearly alive with his brother, Dan, and daughter, Trixie. They have to do their own thing with it and take their genetic pedigree here to magic and make their own magic with it.

SD: What was Chris' appeal to others?
VR: Chris got right to the inexpressible heart of things. He was completely original. Chris reached into something beyond a style. I hope more people really appreciate him for his uniqueness and his powerful work.

SD: Why are you performing at this Chris Whitley celebration?
ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO: It always feels good to help raise consciousness about someone who was so talented and maybe under-appreciated by the masses.

I'm happy to be part of this and have a chance to pay homage to a great artist. Chris' songs were so intimate and deep in his psyche. It went beyond him. It connected in such a large way. Chris was phenomenal, not just as a guitar player but as a singer. He was just very soulful.

SD: You've said that you "write songs that you hear and see at that same time." Could you say more about that?
AE: I always want songs to be visual. Chris did that. When you talk about how intimate his stuff was, it almost seems it was unapproachable by other people. The songs are just so bare and naked . . . it's like you've opened a door onto something that wasn't supposed to be exposed necessarily. But suddenly you're there and you're fascinated. You can't turn away. You're locked into these words and these songs.

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WHAT'S FRENCH FOR "AWESOME"?

Thanks to the tireless efforts of local screen-printing/booking impresario Tick Tick, Burlington has become something of a sister city to Portland, Oregon, musically speaking. In little more than a year, the Queen City has welcomed a number of wonderfully eclectic acts from the Left Coast hipster epicenter. Next up is **Musée Mécanique**, who bring with them subtly haunting melodic tunes, inventive orchestration, one accordion, a lap steel guitar, two glockenspiels, seven keyboards and, of course, a musical saw. Catch them this Friday at The Skinny Pancake with "Sweet" sisters **Bridget Martin** — who lives in Essex — and her sibling, local indie-folk songwriter **Jenny Menzana**.

SAT 19 << 13B

ALL NIGHT DANCE PARTY WITH DJ TONIC (hip-hop, top 40, house, reggae), Tabu Café & Nightclub, 5 p.m.-4 a.m. NC. 18+

SQUARE PEGS (hip-hop), Kony Horse Saloon, 10 p.m. NC.

DJ MIG-E-LEW (top 40), Rusty Nail, 10 p.m. $5.

CONSCIOUS ROOTS (reggae), The Matterhorn, 9 p.m. $5.

KARAOKE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH JOHN WILSON & DANGER DAVE, Piecasso, 8:30 p.m. NC.

PJ JR & THE BLUESHOOTERS (blues), The Inn Pizzeria & Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

THE DUNGATS (folk), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

BALANCE DJ & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC.

central

MUD SEASON MUSIC SERIES: JEN ADAMS & JESS CLEMENTS (singer-songwriters), Langdon St. Café, 3 p.m. Donations. **BETSY NOLAN** (singer-songwriter), 7 p.m. Donations. **PARIS HAWKINS** (acoustic), 8 p.m. Donations.

IAN CASE (double-neck guitar), Main Street Bar & Grill, 7 p.m. NC.

northern

HELLO CENTRAL (pop-punk, Brian Meeker benefit), Olive Ridley's, 4 p.m. $10.

JAZZ ON TAP, The Inn Pizzeria & Pub, 7:30 p.m. NC.

COLIN MCCAFFREY (Americana), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

SUN.20

burlington area

TEA TIME SESSIONS, Radio Bean, from 1 p.m. NC. **ERIC GUSTO** (Latin jazz), 5 p.m. NC. **DANIEL HUE LETTE** (singer-songwriter), 7 p.m. NC. **BRIDGET MARTIN & JENNY MENZANA** (folk, indie), 9 p.m. NC.

IRISH SESSION, Ri Ra Irish Pub, 5 p.m. NC.

SUGAR HIGH WITH TRICKY PAT & ELLIOT (open turntables), Red Square, 10 p.m. NC.

ME & YOU WITH BRETT HUGHES & MARIE CLAIRE (swampy-tonk), 1/2 Lounge, 7:30 p.m. NC.

MI YARD REGGAE NIGHT WITH DJS BIG DOG & DEMUS, Nectar's, 10 p.m. NC.

FAMILY NIGHT (open jam), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. NC. AA.

THE GREYBOY ALLSTARS, EARL GREYHOUND (funk, jazz), Higher Ground Ballroom, 8:30 p.m. $18/20. AA.

KARAOKE WITH STEVE LECLAIR (rock), Club TBA, 7 p.m. NC.

PINE STREET JAZZ: JULIET MCVICKER & FRIENDS, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE WITH PETE, Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC.

central

OPEN MIKE, Langdon St. Café, 7 p.m. Donations.

MON.21

burlington area

OPEN MIKE, Radio Bean, 9 p.m. NC.

POETRY JAM, Parima Acoustic Lounge, 8:30 p.m. NC.

"BRETT HUGHES'S GOOD NEWS" WITH MENDFRIX (swampy-tonk), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC, followed by **DJ RUSSELL** (mash-up), 10 p.m. NC.

HEAL IN SESSIONS WITH DJ BRANEYE & REVERENCE (roots, funk), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.

ELEPHANTHEAD, TIM COLLINS (rock), Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+.

HIP-HOP FOR HUNGER, Higher Ground Ballroom, 8:30 p.m. $10/12. AA.

BILLY CALDWELL (acoustic), Club TBA, 7 p.m. NC.

MIA ADAMS (singer-songwriter), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.

central

OPEN MIKE, Langdon St. Café, 7 p.m. Donations.

TUE.22

burlington area

SEANCE WITH STEPHEN CALLAHAN, Radio Bean, 7 p.m. NC. **HONKY TONK SESSIONS**, 10 p.m. $3.

PARIMA ISLAND NIGHT WITH DJ KENNY T (reggae), Parima Main Stage, 9 p.m. NC.

DAN SILVERMAN TRIO (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.

WORLD BASEMENT WITH JON DEMUS & SUPER K (reggae, dancehall, hip-hop), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC.

DAKOTA & NASTEE (hip-hop), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.

CASH TOWN (indie-rock), Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+.

OPEN TURNTABLES NIGHT, The Green Room, 9:30 p.m. NC.

REEL BIG FISH, HUSBANDS AKA (ska), Higher Ground Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. $18/20. AA.

DEAD MEADOW, MY DEAREST WAR LINE (rock), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 7:30 p.m. $10/12. AA.

ACOUSTIC TUESDAY, Monkey House, 8 p.m. NC. 18+.

BLUEGRASS NIGHT: SNAKE MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

ERIC BUTLER (Americana), Good Times Café, 8 p.m. $15. AA.

SHOOTER NIGHT, City Limits, 6 p.m. NC.

central

KARAOKE, Charlie O's, 10 p.m. NC.

SHAWN FOGEL (rock), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations, followed by **CAMILLE ELLEN** (singer-songwriter), 9 p.m. Donations.

TOM & JAIRO (Spanish guitar & trumpet), Main Street Bar & Grill, 7 p.m. NC.

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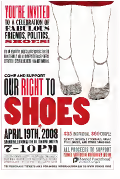
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OPEN MIKE, Olive Ridley's, 8 p.m. NC

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TWO-FER TUESDAY: SETH YACOVONE (solo acoustic blues), The Hart Pizzeria & Pub, 7:30 p.m. NC

ALAN GREENLEAF & THE DOCTOR (folk), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC

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burlington area

ENSEMBLE V (jazz), Radio Bean, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **IRISH SESSION**, 9 p.m. NC

PAUL ASBELL & CLYDE STATS (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC

DJ CRE8 (hip-hop), Red Square, 10 p.m. NC

ECLECTIC WEDNESDAY (singer-songwriter), 1/2 Lounge, 7:30 p.m. NC, followed by **DJ A-DOG** (hip-hop), 10 p.m. NC

KINETIX, BOHEMIAN SUNRISE (rock), Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+

OPEN MIKE, Manhattan Pizza, 10 p.m. NC. AA

SUPERSTAR KARAOKE WITH BONNIE J, Second Floor, 10 p.m. NC/$5. 18+

DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC

HANSON, STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS, KATE VOEGELE (rock, singer-songwriter), Higher Ground Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. $27/30. AA

THE HAWK, THE SWIFT, THE LATHAM BAND (rock, jam), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 8 p.m. $8/10. AA

CELTIC PARTY: OPEN SESSION, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC

champlain valley

OPEN BLUEGRASS SESSION, On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC

KARAOKE, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC

TRIVIA NIGHT, Two Brothers Tavern Upstairs, 7:30 p.m. NC

central

BLUE FOX (blues), Charlie O's, 10 p.m. NC

HONKY TONK HUMP DAY WITH MARK LEGRAND & FRIENDS, Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations; **JON CRICKER** (singer-songwriter), 8 p.m. Donations; **CANNON FODDER** (rock), 9 p.m. Donations

COMEDY NIGHT, Black Door Bar & Bistro, 8:30 p.m. $5

OPEN MIKE, Middle Earth Music Hall, 8 p.m. NC

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OPEN MIKE, Monopole, 8 p.m. NC

BEYOND GUITAR HERO, Olive Ridley's, 8 p.m. NC

D-TRAIN (rock, blues), The Hub Pizzeria & Pub, 7:30 p.m. NC

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activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL. Activists stand together in opposition to the U.S. occupation of Iraq. Top of Church Street, Burlington, 5-5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 985-2345.

FARM FRESH FORUM. A Rural Vermont representative moderates a meeting of Green Mountain State growers seeking to produce and sell industrial hemp, fresh meat and raw milk. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-7222, shelby@ruralvermont.org, www.ruralvermont.org.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

ARTS ACHIEVEMENT DAY. Arts advocates launch a community project based on puzzle pieces during a discussion about Vermont's creative future. Vermont State House, Montpelier, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Info, 828-5422, www.vermontartscouncil.org.

dance

SALSALINA PRACTICE. Work on your merengue or cha-cha-cha at this weekly Latin dance session. Nonmembers 6 p.m., members 7 p.m., Salsalina Studio, Burlington, 6 p.m., $10. Info, 598-1077.

education

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP. Hablo español? Brown-baggers eat lunch and develop new vocab. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

etc.

GIFTED KIDS DISCUSSION. Parents and educators of above-average learners consider how to support differentiation in public school systems. Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education, Colchester, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 658-4841, lucyhagan@yahoo.com.

BINGO. A winning card could net cash. Heineberg Community & Senior Center, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. $11. Info, 863-3982.

BREAKFAST BRAINSTORMING. Employees of nonprofits meet with marketing, advertising, communications and design professionals to learn to better convey their organizations' messages. Room 217, Ireland Building, Champlain College, Burlington, 7:45-9 a.m. Free. Info, 865-6495.

BURNHAM KNITTERS. Yarn enfolds onto pools at a chat-and-craft session. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

CHARITY BINGO. Players seek matches on numbered cards, then say the magic word. Broadacres Bingo Hall, Colchester, 7 p.m. $10 for 12 cards. Info, 860-1510.

CHESS GROUP. Beginning and intermediate-level players put corners to put each other's kings in check. South Burlington Community Library, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

ECO-SEW WORKSHOP. Stitchers whip up ornaments — Japanese juggling balls — using locally recycled materials. The Kitchen Sew-in & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $20 includes materials. Info, 399-0202, www.thekitchensew.com.

HOMEBUYER ORIENTATION. Before shopping, potential house hunters determine whether homeownership fits their needs. Central Vermont Community Land Trust, Barre, 5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 476-4493, ext. 211, www.cvclt.org.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL. Students and families from more than 20 different countries and cultural traditions share tastes of home. Riverbank Café, Community College of Vermont, Burlington, 5-7 p.m. Free. Info, 865-4422.

KNITTING & RUG HOOKING. Point pushers create scarves, hats and mats. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

KNITTING POSSE. Needle-wielding crafters convene over good yarns. South Burlington Community Library, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING. St. Albans City Police officer Jason Wetherby advises citizens on how to address domestic violence. City Council Room, St. Albans City Hall, St. Albans, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 524-2166.

NIGHT OF NOISE. Following statewide "Day of Silence" activities, gay and straight alliance members host a speak-out for queer and allied youth. Burlington City Hall Park, Burlington, 5 p.m. Free. Info, 865-9677, info@outrightvt.org.

NOONTIME KNITTERS. Crafty types gather for a stitch-and-bitch midday. Waterbury Public Library, Waterbury, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

PEACE CORPS INFO MEETING. A recruiter explains the mission of the U.S. international volunteer network, then returned Peace Corps vets share their experiences. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 656-8260.

WEB ANALYTICS GROUP. Members of the Williston website-metrics company EpikOne host a networking event for professionals interested in learning how online marketing works. Halvorson's Upstreet Café, Burlington, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 264-8764.

food & drink

CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO. Fans of cocoa-covered confectionery see how it's made. Laughing Moon Chocolates, Stowe, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 253-9591.

RAW FOOD WORKSHOP. Edible springtime weeds become smoothie ingredients at this hands-on seminar on the benefits of leafy greens. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6:15-7:30 p.m. $12. Info, 223-8004, ext. 202, info@hungermountain.com, www.hungermountain.com.

kids

'THE JUNGLE BOOK' Tykes take in a version of Rudyard Kipling's classic story featuring child actors in colorful animals. H.O. Wheeler Elementary School, Burlington, Burlington, 1 p.m. Donations. Info, www.vermontytheatre.org.

ANIMAL FEEDING. Watch critters do dinner with help from the animal care staff. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 & 3 p.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME. Readings of family faves provide morning fun for toddlers. Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

CHESS CLUB. King defenders ages 6 to 18 practice castling and various opening gambits. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-1207.

HINESBURG PLAYGROUP. Youngsters let loose in a fun, friendly, toy-filled atmosphere. Hinesburg Town Hall, Hinesburg, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 453-3038.

PAJAMA STORYTIME. Kids cuddle up in their nightclothes for an hour of bedtime stories, cookies and milk. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 879-0313.

PETER THE MUSIC MAN. Educator Pete Alsen lets kids ages 3 to 5 try out various instruments and offers a fun intro to music theory. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 12:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-0515.

WATERBURY STORYTIME. Little ones ages 2 and under get hooked on books. Waterbury Public Library, Waterbury, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP. Children gather for games, songs and stories. Westford Library, Westford, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 878-5639.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'PERSEPOLIS' In this black-and-white, animated adaptation of Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel memoir, a precocious Iranian girl comes of age in the midst of political turmoil. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $6.50. Info, 748-2600, www.catamountarts.org.

'MICHINA: A PREPARATION' A question-and-answer session with director Michal Gottman follows a screening of this film exploring teenage life and military service in Israel. In Room 101, Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 5 p.m. Free. Info, 298-4648.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOP AUDITIONS. Singers pitch their pipes for selection in a five-day vocal-skills workshop scheduled for late June. Call for an appointment. Bundy Center for the Arts, Waitsfield, 12 p.m. Free. Info, 802-496-4781, www.bundycfa.org.

QAWWALI MASTERS. Pakistani brothers Mehr and Sher Ali combine powerful Sufi devotional lyrics with their ensemble's explosive hand-clapping rhythms and traditional percussion. Rollins Chapel, Dartmouth College, Hanover, 8 p.m. $24. Info, 603-646-2422.

ST. ANDREW'S PIPES AND DRUMS. Got kilt? This Scottish-style marching band welcomes new members to play bagpipes or percussion. St. James Episcopal Church, Essex, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-7535, jordets@vtlfa.org, www.standrewspipeband.org.

ULTIMA VEZ. The Belgian troupe guided by choreographer Wim Vandekeybus plays with 20 years' worth of movement material in Spiegel. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $30-41. Info, 863-5966.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE. The 60-plus set benefits from stretching and strength training. Senior Community Center, The Pines, South Burlington, 1:30-2:30 p.m. $3. Info, 658-7477.

talks

'CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING' Fr. Lauro Gagne of St. Michael's College sums up the Catholic Church's philosophical approach to war and peace. St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Burlington, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 652-3166, marmebe@burlingtontelecom.net, www.paxchristiusa.org.

BEREAVEMENT TELECONFERENCE. Parents, teachers and counselors of children and adolescents dealing with grief gain support at an educational program moderated by George Washington University media professor Frank Sesno. Dana Auditorium, Sunderland Language Center, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 388-4111, www.hospicevnh.org.

FARM ISSUES. Shelby Hammond of Rural Vermont advocates for Green Mountain State growers who want to produce and sell industrial hemp, fresh meat and raw milk. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6956.

HUNGER FORUM. Food security expert Jean Harrison, UVM plant and soil science professor emeritus Frederick Magdoff and Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf director Rob Meehan discuss why hunger is still a pervasive global problem despite food-production surpluses worldwide. Carpenter Auditorium, Given Medical Building, UVM, Burlington, 4-6 p.m. Free. Info, 656-2450, kate.lunnette@uvm.edu.

theater

COMEDY NIGHT. Regional jokesters Jay Kipp, Tracie Spence, Martha Tormey, Nathan Hardy Cain and Kathleen Kanz rib a prestigious leader. Black Door Bar & Bistro, Montpelier, 8:30 p.m. $5. Info, 223-6060.

words

'TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES' SERIES Readers of *The Education of Little Tree* ponder the fact that its author was once a Ku Klux Klansman. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, St. Johnsbury, 4:30-6 p.m. Free. Info, 748-8291.

BOOK DISCUSSION. Readers of Bill McKibben's *Deep Economy* consider new ways to think about food, energy, time and money. Waterbury Public Library, Waterbury, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

SPOKEN WORD OPEN MIKE. South Burlington-based historian and poet Lahan Hill reads from his book *Awesome Dream* at a gathering of bards voicing original verse and prose. Delta Loa, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 660-1864.

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activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL. See WED.16, 5-5:30 p.m.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

4th Annual Run Against Rape

April 27, 2008, Oakledge Park
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SHELBURNE FARMS, SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 9:30-11:30 A.M.

It was a damp, chilly morning, the kind of weather that inspires one to bundle up in extra layers rather than shed them. But for Shelby, one of about 50 sheep in Shelburne Farms' flock, the weather was a moot point. Livestock specialist and shearer extraordinaire Chet Parsons was waiting.

Presentations that paraded — clad in flannel, Gore-Tex and, of course, fleece — gathered in the Farm Barn. Parsons, in suspenders and decidedly elfin moccasins, dispensed wool history and trivia and whetted the audience's appetite for the main event.

Kids were then hoisted on parents' shoulders as the morning's headliner was led on to a wooden platform. Shelby jostled a bit as Parsons maneuvered him onto his back, but the animal became surprisingly complacent as the electric shears did their work. The fleece came off in one large strip. It took Parsons only a few minutes, but then, he's been shearing sheep for 20 years. "He makes it look really easy," said Sam Smith, who runs the farmyard. "That's the art."

As a bald, pinkish Shelby blinked out at the audience, several squeals and giggles emanated from the crowd, calling to mind that ubiquitous dream where you're on stage and realize you're naked.

But the sheep are actually happier sans fleece, Smith explained. He likened it to wearing a wool sweater with hay underneath, drizzling it with water every once in a while, and keeping it on all winter. It feels good to get rid of it.

As part of the celebration, stations were set up at which kids washed fleece, made felt balls, and saw a spinning wheel in action. According to Family Programs Educator Susie Marchand, most of the fleece is used for farm programs; some is sent to the Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, where it's made into yarn sold in the gift shop. As for the lambs, most meet a more morbid fate. Look for them on a dinner plate at the Shelburne Farms Inn, accompanied by a side of eggplant purée.

ALISON NOVAK

ARTIST MEET-UP: Local creators compare notes on the gallery scene, and bring a piece to offer for peer critique. Kasini House, Burlington, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Info, 264-4839, info@artmapburlington.com, www.kasinihouse.com.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM: Shutterbugs develop film and print pictures. Center for Photographic Studies, Barre, 6-9 p.m. $8 per hour. Info, 479-4127.

business

QUEEN CITY BNI: Local members of Business Network International rendezvous at a weekly breakfast meeting to help promote one another's companies. In Room 212, Vermont Technical College, Blair Park Campus, Williston, 8 a.m. First visit is free. Info, 985-9905.

VERMONT VENTURE NETWORK: David Barash, president of Vermont Mystic Pie, Inc., considers his career as founder of socially innovative businesses. Breakfast 8 a.m., speaker 8:15 a.m., networking 8:30 a.m. Hilton Hotel, Burlington, 8-10 a.m. Call for cost. Info, 658-7830, www.vermontventurenetwork.org.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS CONFERENCE: Female entrepreneurs gather marketing know-how at a convention keynoted by Vermont Butter and Cheese co-founder Allison Hooper. Hilton Hotel, Burlington, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. $99. Info, 343-9248, info@wbon.org, www.wbon.org.

dance

ARTS & THE ENVIRONMENT: Dance professor Andrea Olsen connects movement and ecological concerns of a performance and discussion. Dance Theatre, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 12:30 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

education

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP: Would-be Francophones exchange info during [illegible]. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

etc.

'HEALING LEAVES' WORKSHOP: Fans of herbal medicine review an in-depth topic of their choice. [illegible] Counseling, Essex Junction, 7-9 p.m. $10. Info, 288-1111.

'WISE ON WEEDS' KICKOFF: Rose Paul of the Nature Conservancy helps homeowners identify invasive plant species and offers practical techniques to stop them from spreading. Parks & Recreation Department Building, Burlington, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Info, 863-0420.

'LIGHTING AFRICA' PROJECT BENEFIT: Music by the All Terrain Project powers listeners at a fundraiser supporting the installation of solar panels in rural Somaliland. 1/2 Lounge, Burlington, 7-9 p.m. Donations. Info, 865-0012, mablima@yahoo.com, www.lightingafrica.org.

'OWN YOUR AIR' AFFAIR: Door prizes, fun food and a raffle ramp up the turnout at a fundraiser for the American Lung Association of Vermont's "Healthy Air" walk in September. Second Floor, Burlington, April 17-18, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. $10-15. Info, 233-7825, vtrinebr@lungvt.org, www.lungvt.org.

BRIDGE CLUB: Partners shuffle cards and chat. Godnick Senior Center, Rutland, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 287-5751.

CHARITY BINGO: See WED 16, 7 p.m.

HOWARD CENTER CAREER FAIR: Job seekers with high school diplomas or advanced degrees gather info about openings in child, youth and family services or mental health and substance abuse services. McClure Gymnasium, Burlington, 3:30-6 p.m. Free. Info, 488-6545, rlmoreau@howardcenter.org, www.howardcenter.org.

KIDSAFE AWARDS LUNCHEON: Volunteers and professionals receive kudos for their focus on Vermont kids' well-being at a silent auction, raffle and meal. Doubletree Hotel, South Burlington, 11 a.m. $25. Info, 863-9626, pennet@kidsafevt.org, www.kidsafevt.org.

LIBRARY RECEPTION: Shelburne citizens welcome new library director Kip Roberson at a party with refreshments. Pierson Library, Shelburne, 4-7 p.m. Free. Info, 985-5124, www.shelburnevt.org/departments/63.html.

MEDICINE WORKSHOP: Home apothecaries blend essential oils with homemade recipes to create bath salts, dream pillows and massage mixtures. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6-7:30 p.m. $7. Info, 223-8000 ext 202, info@hungermountain.com, www.hungermountain.com.

SENIOR BREAKFAST: Area elders enjoy eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, beverages, juice and bottomless cups of coffee. Heineberg Community & Senior Center, Burlington, 8-10 a.m. $3. Info, 863-3982.

SINGLES PARTY: Seven Days hosts a fun, feet-first dance featuring real-time Spy postings on a big screen. Ruben James, Burlington, 7-10 p.m. $5. Info, 864-5684, www.7dvt.com.

SOUTHERN SUDAN CELEBRATION: Supporters of a Vermont nonprofit bringing clean water to Sudanese villages consume East African foods family-style, then party to hard-driven reggae funk by the Boston-based band Spiritual Rez. Dinner 6-8 p.m.; dance 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. Club Metronome, Burlington. Call for dinner cost; dance party $10-15. Info, 375-5383, james.mirofor@jnc.edu.

TRAVEL INFO MEETING: Area residents hear about an opportunity to go to Greece in May 2008 as part of a trip sponsored by the College of St. Joseph. In Room 105, St. Joseph Hall, College of St. Joseph, Rutland, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 776-5230, dfortfour@csj.edu, www.csj.edu.

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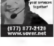

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VERMONT CHESS CLUB Pawn pushers strategize to better their games. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-0198.

food & drink

CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO See WED.16, 2 p.m.

kids

'THE JUNGLE BOOK': See WED.16, 8:30 p.m.

ANIMAL FEEDING See WED.16.

CULTURAL DISPLAY Elementary students show the merits of their research into Native American spiritual beliefs, weaving, baskets, language and lacrosse. The Schoolhouse, South Burlington, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 658-4164. www.theschoolhousevt.org/

HIGH SCHOOL GOOD LUST PIZZA CLUB Secondary school students scarf slices while digesting books. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 3-4 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6678. brownell library@yahoo.com. www.essexjunction.org/brownell/

MORNING STORIES Local tale tellers engage kids of all ages with a mix of nursery rhymes, fairytales, songs and games. Pierson Library, Shelburne, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 985-5124.

MUDFEST MUSIC Different local folk performers play kid-friendly tunes daily at a down-and-dirty celebration featuring gritty games and chocolate ice cream. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 1 p.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848. www.echovermont.org

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Tots aged 3 to 5 enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and crafts. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

RICHMOND PLAYGROUP Parents meet their neighbors while their kids enjoy structured fun and snacks. Richmond Free Library, Richmond, 9:30-11 a.m. Free. Info, 434-3777.

WESTFORD STORYTIME Kids peruse picture books and create crafts. Westford Library, Westford, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 878-5639.

WINOOSKI PLAYGROUP Babies up to age 2 mingle with each other and their caregivers at a session offering music, stories and toys. Winooski Memorial Library, Winooski, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Info, 655-6424.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'MILLER'S CROSSING' The Coen brothers create a complex and graphic vision of gangsterism during Prohibition. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'PERSEPOLIS' See WED.16, 7 p.m.

'THE CORPORATION' Documentarians Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott use humor and hard-hitting interviews to dissect companies' legal basis for existing. Post-screening, six international students offer a global perspective on corporate responsibility. Room 216, UVM Living/Learning Center, Burlington, 8-11 p.m. Free. Info, 802-542-4877.

music

Also, see club dates in Section B.

BEGINNING GUITAR String strummers learn basic chords and techniques with instructor Timothy Hemmer. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 4-5:30 p.m. Free (guitar provided if necessary). Info, 865-7228.

DRUMMING REHEARSAL Members of the St. Michael's College Akwaaba Drumming ensemble welcome listeners at an open class for beginners. Email for specific directions to a site on the St. Michael's College campus, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2536. josselyne@yahoo.com. http://josselynefive.googlepages.com/ghanahallweekend.

PIANO RECITAL Five of Diana Fanning's piano students perform works by J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Scriabin and Chopin. Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

SYMPHONY READING Conductor Andrew Massey leads a large group of area musicians in an open reading of Anton Bruckner's 7th Symphony, and listeners are welcome to sit in. McCarthy Arts Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7-10 p.m. Free. Info, 655-5030.

sport

FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM Elders concerned about coordination learn exercises to help maintain their balance. Champlain Senior Center, McClure MultiGenerational Center, Burlington, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 847-2278.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DERBY DAMES Roll ladies practice rough roller-skating for future matches with other regional roller derby teams. Green Mountain Armory, Burlington, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 802-5021. greenmountainderbydames@gmail.com. www.myspace.com/greenmountainderbydames

ZUMBA FITNESS (FITNESS OPTIONS) Step-by-steppers try out Latin-dance-inspired exercise moves with high-energy international rhythms. Fitness Options, South Burlington, 8:30 p.m. $10, first time free. Info, 764-5470.

ZUMBA FITNESS (OLYMPIAD) (See above). Olympiad Health & Racquet, South Burlington, 7 p.m. $10, first time free. Info, 310-5585.

talks

CARBON AND THE CAMPUS Emissions expert Donald Dallaire describes approaches to reduce UVM's total CO2 output. Room 104, Aiken Center, UVM, Burlington, 12:30-1:45 p.m. Free. Info, 656-2691.

'MYSPACE? WHOSESPACE?' PANEL DISCUSSION Legal experts, sociologists and other users of Internet media consider how people's views of privacy are changing as wired culture becomes ubiquitous. Langdon Street Café, Montpelier, 5-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-6904. info@aclu-vt.org. www.acluvt.org

'THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF VERMONT TRANSPORTATION' Dr. Richard Watts of the UVM Transportation Center considers how Green Mountain commuters contribute to greenhouse gas pollution. In Room 104, Aiken Center, UVM, Burlington, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-8156, ext. 204. www.uvm.edu/~transctr/

'THE MISSION OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE' Rev. Michael Cronogue, the superior general of the Society of St. Edmund, examines the current institutional structure of the Vermont school he once founded. In the Farrell Room, St. Edmund's Hall, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 12 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2577.

ABU GHRAIB PRISONER DRAWINGS Artist Daniel Heyman describes how he visually documented human rights lawyers' interviews with former prisoners held and tortured by U.S. forces in Iraq. Farrell Room, third floor, St. Edmund's Hall, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2577. http://www.danielheyman.com/projects/works/abughraib/index.htm

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS PANEL St. Michael's College students from Mozambique, Sri Lanka and Yemen share stories of their homelands and the circumstances that brought them to Vermont. Klein Academic Enrichment Commons, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 11:45 a.m. Free. Info, 654-2577. www.smcvt.edu

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TALK Richard Stallman, a MacArthur Fellowship awardee who launched the Development of the free software GNU, weighs copyright and commons by in the age of computer networks. Cheray Science Hall, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2577. www.smcvt.edu

NATIVE AMERICAN HEALING "Coyote medicine" expert Dr. Lewis Mehl-Madrona considers a few rituals, stories and ceremonies can supplement conventional Western approaches. In Room 207, Bentley Hall, Johnson State College, Johnson, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 800-635-1426.

theater

'DR. DOLITTLE' Middle school students dress up as animals in the musical inspired by Hugh Lofting's books about a veterinarian who talks with his patients. Mater Christi School, Burlington, 7 p.m. $2-4. Info, 658-3992. mavey@hotmail.com

'GODSPELL' The Essex Community Players set this folk-based rock opera at Ground Zero in New York City immediately following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Memorial Hall, Essex, 8 p.m. $11-13. Info, 878-9109. www.essexplayers.com.

FESTIVAL OF ONE ACTS Members of a UVM directing class present the fruits of their labor in three over the course of four days. Royall Tyler Theatre, UVM, Burlington, 7 p.m. $7. Info, 656-2094. molly.karent@uvm.edu. www.uvmtheatre.org

MARK TWAIN PORTRAYAL Professional actor Ron Brent Hans a three-piece suit to offer advice to humanity in the style of America's greatest humorist. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918. www.williston.lib.vt.us.

words

'KNOW YOUR RIGHTS' Savvy citizens note portions of the U.S. Constitution that pertain to significance to criminal procedure, civil rights, free speech and specific Supreme Court cases. Peace & Justice Center, Burlington, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Info, 863-2345, ext. 9. www.pjcvt.org.

'THE BIG READ' BOOK DISCUSSION Readers of Willa Cather's *My Ántonia* discuss its portrayal of a New York lawyer's remembered relationship with a Nebraska girl. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 3:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955. brownell library@yahoo.com. www.essexjunction.org/brownell.

ARCHER MAYOR The celebrated author of the Vermont-based Joe Gunther mysteries reads from *Chat* and helps readers get a clue. New England Federal Credit Union, Williston, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 1-800-400-8790, ricks@nefcu.com

BOOKED FOR LUNCH UVM biology professor, author and ultra-marathon runner Bernd Heinrich talks about his memoir *The Snoring Bird: My Family's Journey Through a Century of Biology*. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 12 p.m. Free. Info, 802-5755. amient242@aol.com

DAN MATHEWS: *Fear far? Yes, sir.* The provocative senior vice president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals reads from *Committed*, his memoir about the ups and downs of celebrating celebrities for a cause. Borders Books & Music, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 865-2711. http://www.peta.org/fest committed.asp

HOWARD NORMAN The Rhode Island-based author reads from his book *Keeper and Kid* about a thirtysomething guy thrust into parenthood. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

NORA MITCHELL & EMILY SKOLER Two local poets read a selection of their work. Phoenix Books, Essex, 7:00 p.m. Free. Info, 872-7111. mike@phoenixbooks.biz. www.phoenixbooks.biz.

PLEASURES OF POETRY Readers of verse discuss their favorite works. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918. www.williston.lib.vt.us.

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activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL See WED.16, 5-5:30 p.m.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT A performance by the 10-member all-female Drum and dance ensemble Yarvatos precedes a speak out against sexual violence, followed by a march and candlelight vigil. Krinovitz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall, SUNY Plattsburgh, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, 718-682-1501.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

dance

ARGENTINEAN TANGO Shoulders dip, chins up! With or without partners, dancers of all abilities strut to bandoneón riffs in a self-guided practice session. Salsalina Studio, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $5. Info, 598-1077.

BALLROOM DANCE SOCIAL Singles and couples of all ages learn ballroom, swing and Latin dancing. Jazzercise Studio, Williston, 7-9 p.m. $10. Info, 862-2207.

DANCE AND DRUMMING WORKSHOPS Percussion and movement masters from Ghana and Haiti lead four separate workshops during a two-day drum and dance gathering. Ross Sports Recreational Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 6-8 p.m. $20 per workshop. Info, 654-2578. josselyne@yahoo.com. josselynefive.googlepages.com/ghanahallweekend

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING Lively music inspires movers to make rural rounds in clean, soft-soled shoes. McCarthy Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7:5:30 p.m. $7, free for beginners. Info, 899-2378.

FAMILY CONTRA DANCE Caller Mark Sustic shouts steps for all ages at a party featuring folk music by Pete and Karen Sutherland and the Lake Champlain Waldorf School Contra Dance Band. Shelburne Town Hall, Shelburne, 7 p.m. $4-8. Info, 985-2827.

FUNDRAISER DANCE Original rockabilly by the Starline Rhythm Boys gets fiddlers and fiddlers dancing at this silent auction benefit for the Family Center of Washington County. Moretown Town Hall, Moretown, 8 p.m. $12. Info, 498-5251. jimmy@fcwcvt.org. http://www.fcwcvt.org/

etc.

'OWN YOUR AGE' AFFAIR See THU.17.

'THE COST IS CORRECT' Participants in this tongue-in-cheek game show tribute guess the price of items for a chance to win up to $500 in prizes. Registration 5:30 p.m., show 6:30 p.m. Faculty Point, University Mall, South Burlington, 5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 863-1075, ext. 11.

ANARCHIST CRAFT CIRCLE Creative types put their heads together over public art projects that dismantle hierarchies, one stitch at a time. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 5-7 p.m. Free. Info, 999-0202. rachel@thebobbin.com. www.thebobbin.com

ANTIQUES EVALUATION Appraiser Douglas Schwelbe identifies and judges the worth of participants' heirlooms and yard sale finds. Shelburne Art Center, Shelburne, 1-4 p.m. $10 for two objects, $5 for each additional object. Info, 985-3648.

CHARITY BINGO See WED.16, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY DINNER Local ingredients form the focus of a hearty meal. L.A.R.E. Barre, 7:30 p.m. $8-12.50. Info, 476-4276. www.lacevt.org

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Language learners fluff up their vocab through casual chatting. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

HEALING FIRE Survivors of sexual violence build community with friends, family and allies by writing messages on combustibles, then burning them. UVM Women's Center, Burlington, April 18, noon-midnight. Free. Info, 656-2825.

INTERNET RESEARCH WORKSHOP Computer users learn how to get the most out of online search engines such as Yahoo and Google. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

M.O.V.E. BOOK SALE Students sell tomes to benefit international service trips to India and Uganda. Alliot Student Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2577. www.smcvt.edu

RUMMAGE SALE Seekers of household goods locate finds amid tons of treasures. Richmond Congregational Church, Richmond, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 434-2053.

RUTLAND CITY REPUBLICANS GOP diehards gather at a tribute dinner keynoted by humorist and UVM political science prof Frank Bryan. South Station Restaurant, Rutland, 6 p.m. Donations. Info, 282-8098. rutlandcitygopevents@comcast.net.

SENIOR BREAKFAST See THU.17, 9-10 a.m.

TERTULIA LATINA Latinoamericanos and other fluent Spanish speakers conversan en español. Radio Bean, Burlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 503-3440.

food & drink

CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO See WED.16, 2 p.m.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING See WED.16.

KIDS' MOVIE Watchers in grades 1 and up catch the PG-rated film version of *Hairspray*, a hit musical about a big girl with big hair who desegregates a popular '60s TV show. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918. www.williston.lib.vt.us.

KITES IN THE PARK Flying enthusiasts send up brightly colored airborne toys. Dorset Park, South Burlington, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, www.sbrec.com/ 802-846-4108

LINCOLN LIBRARY STORYTIME Youngsters up to age 5 form good reading habits in a tale-centered song-and-craft session. Lincoln Library, Lincoln, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 453-2665.

MASK MAKING Creative types aged 8 to 12 use simple household materials to create fantastic creature faces. Richmond Free Library, Richmond, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 434-3036.

MUDFEST MUSIC See THU.17, 1 p.m.

OUTER YOUTH BOWLING Gay, lesbian and questioning teens socialize between strikes at a supportive sport outing. Champlain Lanes Family Fun Center, Shelburne, 4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 865-9677. www.outrightvt.org

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME Youngsters age 3 and older gather for easy listening. South Burlington Community Library, South Burlington, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

TEEN MOVIE Kids retreat small-town boredom with Leonardo DiCaprio in the PG-13 film *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?* Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6956. brownell library@yahoo.com. www.essexjunction.org/brownell/

WATERBURY STORYTIME See WED.16, 9:30 a.m.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO' A discussion follows this documentary exploring Christian doctrine and homosexual relationships in the lives of five American families. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, 7:30 p.m. $5. Info, 603-646-2422.

'NOT FAR FROM THE TREE' Fans of locally produced edibles celebrate the premiere screening of this grassroots documentary chronicling Shelburne Orchards' annual South Farms Food Fest. Expect live music, a raffle and tasty treats. Shelburne Orchards, Shelburne, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 444-7629. www.shelburneorchards.com

TUE.22 & WED.23

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MOVING PICTURES

Black Power had just entered civic consciousness in 1960, when New York City-based choreographer Alvin Ailey debuted his work "Revelations." Set to spirituals, the piece probes the African-American experience, energetically connecting history and religion with despair, hope, humility and celebration against a biblical background. Ailey died in 1989, but the troupe he founded has remained a mainstay of modern dance, performing for 21 million people in more than 70 countries. Members of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater offer "Revelations" at a Dartmouth show, along with Talley Beatty's railroad-legend-based "Road of the Phoebe Snow" and Ailey's jazzy "Night Creature," in which cool cats prowl the stage to Duke Ellington tunes. Pre-show lectures position Ailey and his work in the history of U.S. performing arts.

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER
Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 & 23. Moore Theater, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. 7 p.m. $50. Info, 603-646-2422. www.alvinailey.org, www.hop.dartmouth.edu

PRE-PERFORMANCE DISCUSSIONS
Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 & 23. Room 219, Wilson Hall, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. 6 p.m. Free. Info, 603-646-1110

'THE BAND'S VISIT' In this visually witty comedy, eight musicians in an Egyptian military orchestra get lost on a ceremonial visit to Israel. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $6.50. Info, 748-2600. www.catamountarts.org.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

'A LITTLE MUD MUSIC' Faculty members of the Monteverdi Music School celebrate Vermont's squelchy rite of spring with the premiere of a composition for electric cello and percussion, among other works. T.W. Wood Gallery, Montpelier, 7:30 p.m. Donations. Info, 229-9400.

'PIANO GREATS' CONCERT Pianist Matthew Manwarren, a faculty member at the Adamant Music School, performs technically challenging works by Mozart, Chopin, Schumann and Shostakovich. St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, 8 p.m. $6-17. Info, 863-5966. www.cathedralarts.org.

DAR WILLIAMS The empathic folk singer-songwriter known for her whimsical storytelling skills rocks the house, and multi-instrumentalist Lara Meyerratken opens. Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Lake Placid, 8 p.m. $18. Info, 518-523-2512.

HIT PAWS Mixed voices sing contemporary pop and rock covers, a cappella style. Sugar Maple Ballroom, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 7 p.m. $3-5. Info, 802-366-7836.

MICHAEL CHORNEY The singer, instrumentalist and composer who produced *Hadestown* steps up to the mike for a solo show. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

RANI ARBO & DAISY MAYHEM Hear 1940s-style, fiddle-powered folk from this old-time acoustic swing band. Morse Center for the Arts, St. Johnsbury Academy, St. Johnsbury, 7:30 p.m. $5-12. Info, 748-2600. www.catamountarts.org.

THE STRAY DOGS This Addison-County duet mixes two-tone, rte fresh originals and familiar covers. The Bristol Bakery & Café, Bristol, 8 p.m. $6. Info, 453-3280.

VERMONT CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE Area instrumentalists offer Tan Wood's "3 Minute Break," Terry Riley's piano solo "The Heaven Ladder," other works by Erik Nielsen, Arvo Pärt, and Belinda Reynolds. Pre-concert talk 7:15 p.m., concert 8 p.m. Unitarian Church, Montpelier. 7:15 p.m. $5-16. Info, 848-6908. www.vcme.org.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE. See WED 16, 18 a.m.

talks

STUDENT SYMPOSIUM. Undergrads showcase the results of their research in lectures, performances, posters, artwork and readings. McCardell Bicentennial Hall, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 12:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 443-5430.

VARIETY SERIES TALK University of Cincinnati English professor Michael Atkinson delivers hidden truths about the famous detective-fiction character Sherlock Holmes. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 2 p.m. $5. Info, 862-2531. www.vermontvariety.org.

theater

'AS YOU LIKE IT' Drama club members assume alter male identities in Shakespeare's pastoral comedy with a cross-dressing heroine. McCarthy Arts Center Gallery, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, 5 p.m. Donations. Info, 654-2536. www.smcvt.edu.

'GODSPELL' See THU 17, 8 p.m.

'MYETHIOPIA' In a solo show, thespian David Schein recaps his experiences directing an AIDS education "circus" of southern Ethiopian street kids. Burlington City Hall Auditorium, Burlington, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 802-9414. See "State of the Arts" this issue.

'MASKED MARVELS AND WONDERTALES' Mime artist Michael Cooper entertains families with handmade face coverings, original stories and physical high jinks. See calendar spotlight, this issue. Chandler Music Hall, Randolph, 7 p.m. $5-10. Info, 728-6464. tickets@chandler-arts.org. www.chandler-arts.org.

'THE TEMPEST' The Acting Company gives overhand to Shakespeare's magically stormy last play. See calendar spotlight, this issue. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 8 p.m. $22-54. Info, 863-5966.

'THE GLASS MENAGERIE' The Shelburne Players present Tennessee Williams' memory play exploring the dynamics of a fragile family. Shelburne Town Center, Shelburne, 7:30 p.m. $10-12. Info, 985-0780. mfnea@shelburneplayers.com. www.shelburneplayers.com.

'WHITE WHITE BLACK STORK' In the Uzbekistan Ilkhom Theatre's stage adaptation of a 19th-century novel, a young Muslim poet confronts prejudices after being forced by his parents to marry. Moore Theater, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, 8 p.m. $24. Info, 603-646-2422. www.hop.dartmouth.edu.

FRI.18 >> 24B

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THOMAS MOORE
Author of *Care of the Soul*

At the Barre Opera House
Saturday, April 19, 7 PM
(music begins at 6 PM)

Be in the audience for this live taping of the local cable program Connect with Amy Miller

Thomas and Amy (in three 30 minute segments) discussing how we deal with betrayal, depression and loss of meaning in our life. They will be ending with a discussion on how to create a soulful life in modern America.

Wendy Halley and Amy (in one 30 minute segment) discussing Wendy's knowledge and experience of spirit medicine. Wendy is author of *Slaying the Moose* which describes a significant journey she was on in the world of the ancient tradition.

Abby Jenne begins the night at 6 PM singing songs from her album, Connect.

Price: $15 advance / $20 day of show
All Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society
Barre Books will be selling copies of Thomas' books & book signing will be taking place at the event.

Tickets available: 802.476.8188 or BarreOperaHouse.org
Info: www.ConnectWithAmyMiller.com

FRI.18 << 23B

FESTIVAL OF ONE ACTS: See THU.17, 7 p.m.

MARTIN LUTHER KING SOCIETY TALENT SHOW: Students showcase [illegible] hidden attributes and skills as part of a campus-wide contest. McCarthy Arts Center Gallery, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, 8 p.m. Donations. Info, 654-7511, www.smcvt.edu.

'THE TEMPEST': The Acting Company goes overboard for Shakespeare's magically stormy last play. See calendar spotlight, this issue. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 8 p.m. $22-14. Info, 863-5966.

words

PATRICIA FARGNOLI: The New Hampshire poet laureate [illegible] verse from her latest book, *Duties of the Spirit*, at a reading also featuring poets Douglas Kirk and Tim Mayo. [illegible] Bellows Falls, 8 p.m. Free. Info, www.villagesquarebooks.com.

SAT.19

activism

LEGISLATOR MEET-AND-GREET: Colchester residents get the lowdown on state health-care reform, economic-stimulus plans and income-tax proposals from their four state representatives and State Senator Dick Mazza. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

BASIC FRAMING DEMO: A picture-making pro reviews assembly and glass options, then shows how border colors affect artwork. Artists' Mediums, Williston, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 879-1236.

dance

APRIL SHOWERS SQUARE DANCE: The Green Mountain Steppers celebrate spring with a do-si-do deal featuring caller Al Monty [illegible]. [illegible] School, Burlington, 8-10:30 p.m. $6-7. Info, 863-4455.

CONTRA DANCE: Caller Ed [illegible] keeps feet moving to [illegible] folk from the [illegible] band [illegible]. Capital Grange, Montpelier, 8 p.m. $8. Info, 744-6181.

DANCE AND DRUMMING WORKSHOPS: See FRI.18, 12-7 p.m., 1-5 p.m., 8-8 p.m.

GREEN MOUNTAIN BALLROOM DANCE: Two instructors with the Vermont chapter of a national organization for amateur ballroom dancers share foxtrot and cha-cha steps, followed by open floor swirling and twirling. Elley-Long Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7-11 p.m. $6-12. Info, 885-5715, dancevermont@gmail.com, www.dancevermont.org.

environment

AMPHIBIAN RESCUE PROJECT TRAINING: Volunteers learn how to help wood frogs and spotted salamanders cross roads during the spring mating season. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Free. Info, 778-6778.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION: Amphibian observers see a slide show about Vermont's newts, salamanders and frogs, then hike to a nearby vernal pool to look for the critters' ephemeral eggs. VINS Nature Center, Quechee, 1 p.m. $4.50-8. Info, 359-5000, info@vinsweb.org, www.vinsweb.org.

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL: Volunteers learn to identify non-native weeds, then pull them up and cut off their seed heads for safe disposal. Waterfront Park Parking Lot, Burlington, 8:10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Info, 863-0420, www.enjoyburlington.com.

etc.

'FINDING YOUR WINGS': Learn to identify local bird species by their song patterns and physical characteristics at this workshop led by George Clark, Connecticut's former state ornithologist. VINS Nature Center, Quechee, 10-11 a.m. $8.50-8. Info, 359-5000, info@vinsweb.org, www.vinsweb.org.

'OUR RIGHT TO SHOES': Planned Parenthood supporters kick up their heels at a cocktail party with food and live music, then [illegible] on high-end shoes and accessories. Hilton Hotel, Burlington, 7-10 p.m. $15 per person or $30 per couple. Info, 800-287-8188, www.ppnne.org.

SAVE OUR STRAYS FUNDRAISER: Supporters of a local volunteer pet-rescue group founded in 1995 generate money for veterinary expenses via a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction. Rotisserie's Restaurant, Colchester, 7 p.m. Info, 343-7919.

ANTIQUES EVALUATION: See FRI.18, 1-4 p.m.

BINGO: See WED.16, 6:30 p.m.

CHARITY BINGO: See WED.16, 7 p.m.

CRAFTSBURY FLEA MARKET: Treasure seekers travel to [illegible] at a spring library fundraiser and barbecue. [illegible] the Common, Craftsbury Common, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Info, 802-586-7861.

ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION: Businesses and consumers drop off used computers, MP3 players, cell phones and TVs for recycling or environmentally responsible disposal. Small Dog Electronics, South Burlington, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations. Info, 497-1116, [illegible] @peoplemakinggood.com, www.smalldog.com/events.

FIVE COLLEGES BOOK SALE: Volumes of [illegible] material make up New England's largest used-book sale and scholarship benefit. Lebanon High School, Lebanon, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Info, 603-428-1111, www.five-collegesbooksale.org.

FRENCH ROUNDTABLE: Speakers at various skill levels order café during an open practice session. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 8:30 a.m. Free. Info, 747-0050.

GARDENING WORKSHOP: Flowering annuals form the focus of a plant planning seminar. Gardener's Supply, Burlington, 9:30-11 a.m. $10. Info, 887-1507.

HOMEBUYERS WORKSHOP: Before getting into debt, potential house hunters gather info about real estate valuation and mortgage financing methods. Central Vermont Community Land Trust, Barre, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. $40. Info, 476-4493, ext. 211, www.cvclt.org.

HOMEBUYING SEMINAR: Would-be house hunters consider the various steps in seeking a suitable space and obtaining a mortgage. Opportunities Credit Union, Burlington, 9 a.m. Free. Info, 800-865-8328, jking@oppsvt.org, www.oppsvt.org.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE: Holistic and retired registered nurse Patricia [illegible] describes how to clean homes safely with natural, nontoxic products. St. Johnsbury Food Co-op, St. Johnsbury, 10 a.m. $5. Info, 748-9498.

M.O.V.E. BOOK SALE: See WED.16, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

NATURAL CHILDBIRTH PRESENTATION: Footage of women giving birth in warm Black Sea tidal pools precedes a discussion about doulas. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 12-2 p.m. Free. Info, 223-8004, ext. 202, info@hungermountain.com, www.hungermountain.com.

PAM MONTGOMERY: The ecologist and medicine woman conducts a reading and workshop based on her book *Plant Spirit Healing: A Guide to Working with Plant Consciousness*. Peace of Mind Emporium, Burlington, 1 p.m. Donations. Info, 771-5211, peaceofm@aol.com, www.peaceofmindemporium.com.

PERFORMANCE CAR SHOW: Motor enthusiasts rev up enthusiasm for their wheels at a two-day event featuring exotic sports machines. University Mall, South Burlington, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Info, 893-1000, ext. 11, www.sccv.org.

ROCK FOR KIVA: The SUNY Plattsburgh Anthropology Club holds an art sale and open mic to support a program offering micro-loans to start up businesses in developing countries. North Country Co-op, Plattsburgh, 7 p.m. $7. Info, 585-786-7501.

ROKEBY MUSEUM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: History buffs learn the ins and outs of this former Underground Railroad site. Rokeby Museum, Ferrisburgh, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 877-3406.

RUMMAGE SALE: See FRI.18, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

SEWING MACHINE INTRO: Feed dogs? Zipper feet? First-timers learn the anatomy of sewing aids in a two-hour course, then take a test drive and plan an easy project. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 7-9 p.m. $37 includes an additional hour of open sewing time. Info, 802-899-0202, rachel@thebobbin.com, www.thebobbin.com.

SHEEP SHEARING CLINIC: Ewe need a shave: Woolly ovines get fleeced at a hands-on session guided by shearing pro Chet Parsons. Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. $35. Info, 574-8501, www.shelburnefarms.org.

SPRINGFEST 2008: Students and community members celebrate the return of warm weather with outdoor games and lots of live music. Various UVM locations, including Patrick Gymnasium, Davis Center, UVM Green, Burlington, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Donations. Info, www.uvm.edu/[illegible] or 802-661-5716.

SWAP & STITCH: Spring clothes [illegible] new lives at a garment swap and refashioning party to benefit Women Helping Battered Women. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 6-9 p.m. $10-17. Info, 899-0202, info@thebobbin.com, www.thebobbin.com.

THE MONTEVERDI MUSIC MART: Keyboards, three-quarter-size guitars and various other instruments compete with classical and pop sheet music, games, toys, reference books and recordings. Monteverdi Music School, Montpelier, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Info, 229-9000.

VCAM ACCESS ORIENTATION: Would-be video producers get an overview of the facilities, policies and procedures at a local cable TV station. VCAM Space, Burlington, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Info, 651-9692, www.vermontcam.org.

kids

'SATURDAY STORIES': Librarians read their popular picture books. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Info, 878-0313.

ANIMAL FEEDING: See WED.16.

BARNES & NOBLE SATURDAY STORYTIME: Kids ages 4 and up settle down for stories. Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

BORDERS STORYTIME: Little bookworms listen to stories. Borders Books & Music, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7711.

KIDS' CRAFT LAB: Small hands work with recycled materials to make new stuff. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. $5 per child. Info, 899-0202, rachel@thebobbin.com, www.thebobbin.com.

MUDFEST MUSIC: See THU.17, 1 p.m.

NATURAL PAPERMAKING: Screen sifters of all ages use recycled stationery and natural fibers to make new sheets for writing or wrapping. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848, www.echovermont.org.

OPAL DO YOU LITERACY: State representative Debbie Evans reads the American Girl doll book *The Curse of Ravenscourt: A Samantha Mystery* at a family-friendly event featuring cider and cookies. Red Clover Salon, Essex Junction, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 878-3499.

WINOOSKI PLAYGROUP: See THU.17, 10-11 a.m.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'CLOVERFIELD': In this giant-monster-movie presented from a ground-level view, five New York twentysomethings struggle to survive a Godzilla-like attack. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, 7:30 p.m. $8. Info, 603-646-2422.

'PERSEPOLIS': In this black-and-white, animated adaptation of Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel memoir, a precocious Iranian girl comes of age in the midst of political turmoil. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'TALLADEGA NIGHTS': In this fast-paced comedy, Will Ferrell stars as a top NASCAR racer whose daredevil talents get tested by a French Formula One driver. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955, brownell.library@yahoo.com, www.essexjunction.org/brownell/.

'THE BAND'S VISIT': See FRI.18, 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

'THE NAMESAKE': An Indian couple move from Calcutta to New York in the late 1970s, and their American-born son copes with the resultant culture clash. Dana Auditorium, Sunderland Language Center, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

CAKE: The alt-rock band famous for its droll lyrics combines funk, ska, pop and jazz on a campus show. See calendar spotlight, this issue. Kenyon Arena, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 8 p.m. $10-30. Info, 443-6433.

CARLA OLEY TRIO: The jazz pianist and composer famed for witty, idiosyncratic works pairs with bassist Steve Swallow and tenor and soprano saxman Andy Sheppard. The UVM Jazz Ensemble opens the show. FlynnSpace, Burlington, 8 p.m. $23-15. Info, 863-5966, www.flynncenter.org.

JUNIOR RECITAL: Jazz guitarist Xander Naylor plays works by various composers. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3040, www.uvm.edu/~music.

PAVEL HAAS QUARTET: The Prague-based ensemble named after a Czech composer offers dynamic versions of Janáček's "Kreutzer Sonata," Dvořák's "American Quartet" and Beethoven's Opus 132. Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 8 p.m. $17-15. Info, 443-6433, www.middlebury.edu/arts.

PIANO MASTER CLASS: World-class piano instructor Matthew Manwarren doles up pointers for fellow pianists, and the public is welcome to listen in. St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Info, 864-0471, info@cathedralarts.org, www.cathedralarts.org.

TOP CATS: UVM's all-guy a cappella group looks forward to its second-annual-year-end concert. Ira Allen Chapel, UVM, Burlington, 8 p.m. $5-10. Info, 203-564-8750.

VERMONT CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE: See FRI.18. Pre-concert talk 7:15 p.m., concert 8 p.m. McCarthy Arts Center, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, 7:15 p.m. $5-18. Info, 849-0400, www.vcme.org.

VOCAL WORKSHOP: Folk musician and singer Karen Sutherland teaches techniques pioneered by opera singer turned speech professor Daryl [illegible] McClosky. North End Studio, Burlington, 1-4 p.m. $40. Info, 861-6711.

sport

5K FUN RUN: Runners and walkers rub [illegible] breakfast snacks, then step out to support the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington. Registration 8:30 a.m., race 10:30 a.m. St. Michael's College, Colchester, 8:10 a.m. $5-8. Info, 654-7144.

BICYCLE TRAINING COURSE: Helmet-wearing adults get a safety skills for road riding. Bring your own bike in good condition. Call for Montpelier area location. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. $10 includes lunch. Info, 725-8904, info@vtbikeped.org, www.vtbikeped.org.

ZUMBA FITNESS (FITNESS OPTIONS): See THU.17, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

talks

THOMAS MOORE: Music by singer-songwriter Andy Jasse launches a filmed discussion with the mental self-help expert who authored *Care of the Soul*. Three 15-minute segments cover how people deal with depression, betrayal and loss of meaning. Barre Opera House, Barre, 6-8 p.m. Info, 476-8188, www.connectwithamyville.com.

theater

'AS YOU LIKE IT': See FRI.18, 7 p.m.

'GODSPELL': See THU.17, 8 p.m.

'MURDER ON MASCARA MOUNTAIN': Lafe Dinner Productions "sleighs" pulp-fiction stereotypes with live music and original, interactive theater during two different meals. Timbers Restaurant, Lincoln Peak, Sugarbush Resort, Warren, 6:10 p.m.-12 a.m. $60 includes a three-course dinner and post-show dancing. Info, 800-537-8427, www.[illegible].org.

'THE GLASS MENAGERIE': See FRI.18, 7:10 p.m.

'THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES': The One Lows Theatre Group presents this dark comedy about a songwriting zookeeper and his farcical menagerie. Pendragon Theater, Saranac Lake, 7:10 p.m. $10. Info, 518-891-1854.

'WHITE WHITE BLACK STOCK': See FRI.18, 8 p.m.

FESTIVAL OF ONE ACTS: See THU.17, 7 p.m. & 7 p.m.

words

LEAGUE OF VERMONT WRITERS: Area writers network with their peers and hear words of wisdom from Chuck Sambuchino, editor of the *Guide to Literary Agents* and *Seven Days* columnist Shay Totten. Holiday Inn, Rutland, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. $50 includes breakfast pastries and lunch. Info, 487-7226, pgc@[illegible], www.leagueofvtwriters.org.

MICHAEL HASTINGS: *Newsweek*'s youngest war correspondent reads from his book *I Lost My Love in Baghdad: A Modern War Story*, which details his fiancée's death during an attempted kidnapping. Borders Books & Music, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7711.

SUN.20

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

'HANGING WITH THE MASTERS': UVM art professor Sean Dye, author of *The Wood Wattle Sourcebook*, explains the proper way to paint with traditional oils. St. Albans Historical Museum, St. Albans, 1-4 p.m. $30. Info, 527-9821, www.[illegible].org.

dance

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE: Caller Chris Levey and Trip to Norwich inspire movers to make rural [illegible] in clean soft-soled shoes. Tracy Hall, Norwich, 1-6 p.m. $7. Info, 785-4171.

OPEN DANCE REHEARSAL: Sidewalk watchers peek in from Main Street to see members of the FlynnArts Dance Company perform choreographer Lynn Ellen Schimoler's "Twilight" to live drumming by local percussionists. Chase Dance Studio, Burlington, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 878-1507.

dance

FRENCH-ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP: Speakers of english swap syllables with native French speakers in a *parlez* session. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7711.

etc.

CHARITY BINGO: See WED.16, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRUNCH: A live band serenades weekend breakfasters at a spread featuring fluffy pancakes. L.A.C.E., Barre, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. $6.17.50. Info, 476-4778, www.lacevt.org.

WHAT'S MIME IS YOURS

Given that they often depict themselves trapped inside imaginary cubes, mimes may not seem prone to outside-the-box thinking. Michael Cooper's an exception. The Maine-based theatrical wizard learned to lean on air from Paris mime master Etienne Decroux, but he avoids giving audiences the silent treatment, livening his performances with spoken-word verse and handmade masks. In his one-man show, the Goddard grad embodies a baby who grows into a white-mustached grandpa, and as "The Big Nose," he releases his pent-up frustrations with her "explosive" allergy bouts. More snippets: A largemouth bass in a smoking jacket puffs iridescent spheres from a bubble pipe, a large-animal vet talks horse sense to a nervous equine, and a graceful dancing giant — Cooper on stilts, with a chin extension — offers a glimpse into fantasy. Don't miss it.

'MASKED MARVELS AND WONDERTALES'
Friday, April 18, Chandler Music Hall, Randolph, 7 p.m. $5-10. Info, 728-6464. www.themaskedmarvel.com, www.chandler-arts.org

FIVE COLLEGES BOOK SALE See SAT 19, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FLEA MARKET Bargain hunters browse through bunches of books, clothes and household items. Heineberg Community & Senior Center, Burlington, 9 a.m. Free. Info, 863-3982.

M.O.V.E. BOOK SALE See FRI 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS DAY The local branch of the nationally chartered Green Knights military motorcycle club promotes road safety awareness and camaraderie at an outdoor fundraiser. Fanny Allen Hospital, Colchester, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Donations. Info, 999-1406.

PERFORMANCE CAR SHOW See SAT 19, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

QUEER CRAFT CIRCLE Lesbian, gay, bi and transgender creators get their craft on in a supportive sphere. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. Free. Info, 999-8202, rachel@thebobbin.com, www.thebobbin.com

THE BIG CHILL Warm-hearted volunteers don bathing suits for an off-season dunk in Lake Champlain to raise funds for the Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont. Registration 11 a.m., dip 11:30 a.m., post-swim chicken barbecue noon - 2 p.m. Bayside Park, Malletts Bay, Colchester, 11 a.m. Donations; non-swimmers can pay $10 for the barbecue. Info, 800-586-5772, epilepsy@sover.net

food & drink

'EATING WELL ON A BUDGET' Cautious consumers take home 10 healthy recipes requiring ingredients totaling less than $10 after an educational tour of the bulk-foods department. City Market, Burlington, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 863-3659, www.citymarket.coop

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING See WED 16

MUDFEST MUSIC See THU 17, 1 p.m.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'3:10 TO YUMA' A crippled, broke rancher joins a posse to deliver a famed outlaw to a prison-bound train but all hell breaks loose along the way. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'HEALTH AND THE HIVE: A BEEKEEPER'S JOURNEY' Apiary advocates catch a screening of this documentary covering pollination, disease control, bee venom therapy and honey-based plant medicine. City Market, Burlington, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 863-3659, www.citymarket.coop

'THE BAND'S VISIT' See FRI 18, 1:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

NORTH END MOVIE NIGHT Folk singer Karen Sutherland shows *Remember Life is Wonderful*, her chronicle of a 2006 youth cultural exchange trip to Romania. Then local filmmaker Sam Carey offers her Asian desert documentary *Gobi Women's Song*. North End Studio, Burlington, 7 p.m. $5 includes popcorn. Info, 863-0713.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section A.

KIRTAN SINGING Yoga students stretch their vocal cords with call-and-response chants in Sanskrit. Evolution Physical Therapy & Yoga, Burlington, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Info, 858-5404.

LEO KOTTKE The innovative 6- and 12-string acoustic guitar virtuoso who has released two albums with Phish bassist Mike Gordon plays a solo show. Lebanon Opera House, Lebanon, N.H. Lebanon, 7 p.m. $32. Info, 603-448-0400, www.lebanonoperahouse.org

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE CHOIR Voices welcome spring with seasonal hymns and choral works. Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

UVM CONCERT BAND Students celebrate folk pops orchestrations and Percy Aldridge Grainger's "Children's March." UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3040, www.uvm.edu/~music.

religion & spirituality

BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION Central Vermont meditators sit, walk and share refreshments at a community gathering honoring Buddhism's big guy. Plainfield Friends Meeting House, Plainfield, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 371-7745.

INTERFAITH LECTURE SERIES UVM religion prof Kenneth Mello considers Native American spirituality on global climate change as part of a multi-faith series pairing science and religion. Ascension Lutheran Church, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 741-7395. See article in Section A, this issue.

sport

AUTISM AWARENESS WALK Volunteers make strides for kids with autism spectrum disorders at a fundraiser with music, food and children's activities. Registration 10 a.m., walk 11 a.m. Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation Oval, Plattsburgh, N.Y., 10 a.m. Donations. Info, 518-570-7226, www.autismawareness.org

GRAVEL GRINDER SPRING CLASSIC Don't be ashamed to sit on the sag wagon! Mountain bikers follow a 25-mile dirt road traversing Waterbury's five biggest hills, then enjoy a post-ride cookout. Rusty Parker Memorial Park, Waterbury, 9 a.m. $23. Info, 244-7330, www.freshtracksbikes.com

GREEN MOUNTAIN BICYCLE CLUB Weather permitting, cyclists meet for an informal area ride — route and distance to be decided by attendees. Williston Central School, Williston, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 892-2968.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DERBY DAMES See THU 17, 6 p.m.

talks

QUANTUM PHYSICS TALK Ben Wright, co-founder of the Vermont Institute of Massage, connects consciousness to the way atoms are structured. Moonlight Gifts, Route 7, Milton, Milton, 2-4 p.m. Free. Info, 893-0638.

theater

'MURDER ON MASCARA MOUNTAIN' BRUNCH SHOW See SAT 19, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. $30 per person includes brunch, live music and theater.

'GODSPELL' See THU 17, 8 p.m.

'THE GLASS MENAGERIE' See FRI 18, 2 p.m.

'THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES' See SAT 19, 2 p.m.

FESTIVAL OF ONE ACTS See THU 17, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

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words

'EVERYTHING I WANT TO DO IS ILLEGAL' We must farm a read excerpts from a book by Virginia-based small-ag expert Joel Salatin about regulatory barriers to local food production, then watch snippets of one of Salatin's films. Black Sheep Books, Montpelier, 2-3 p.m. Free. Info, 225-8906, www.blacksheepbooks.org

MON.21

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL. See WED.16, 5-5:30 p.m.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

CLAYMOBILE Adult creators and kids ages 8 and older join clay artist Leslie Mentzer for a hands-on shaping session. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 1-3 p.m. Free. Info, 802-878-4918, www.williston.lib.vt.us.

dance

SWING DANCING Put on your saddle shoes and head for an old-fashioned sock hop. Black Door Bar & Bistro, Montpelier, 3:50-8 p.m. $5. Info, 223-1900.

etc.

'MEMORY MONDAY' Adults 55 and over take advantage of a free memory screening. Call for appointment. Clinical Neuroscience Research Unit, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, 8 a.m. Info, 847-9488.

DISTRESS TOLERANCE WORKSHOP A facilitator with the Champlain Valley section of the National Alliance on Mental Illness offers mindfulness training for the environmentally sensitive. NAMI Office, Plattsburgh, 4-6 p.m. Info, 518-561-2685.

ECO-CONSCIOUS MENSTRUATION 'That time of the month': Environmentally minded women and teens hear about washable, organic-cotton alternatives to landfill-bound disposables. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-8004, ext. 202, info@hungermountain.com, www.hungermountain.com

HOMEBUYING SEMINAR. See SAT.19, 5:30 p.m.

INVESTMENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP William Carrigan of the State of Vermont's Securities Division reviews typical scams commonly used to defraud seniors. South Burlington Community Library, South Burlington, 12 p.m. Free. Info, 652-1010.

food & drink

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING BINGO See WED.16, 2 p.m.

KOMBUCHA WORKSHOP Fans of cultured beverages learn how to homebrew their own healing tonics. Bring a quart mason jar. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918, www.williston.lib.vt.us.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING See WED.16.

BREAKDANCING Kids ages 9 to 16 bust moves at this continent-centric drop-in class taught by local spinner Kate Ellis. 5-6 p.m. $10. Info, 863-4713.

BUBBIES, BABIES & BAGELS. A Jewish-themed playgroup for families of all backgrounds features intergenerational schmoozing and noshing. Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, Burlington, 10-11 a.m. Free. Info, 864-0218, ext. 23.

DADS' GROUP Fathers and fathers-to-be bring offspring up to age 6 to a playgroup, meet and social hour. Winooski Family Center, Winooski, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 655-1422.

FAMILY SING-ALONG: Parents and little ones belt out fun, familiar favorites. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

MONDAY MUSIC. Local musician Rik Adams tells stories and sings kid-friendly faves. In the J.C. Penney waiting area, University Mall, South Burlington, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 863-1066, ext. 11.

MUDFEST MUSIC. See THU.17, 1 p.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME See THU.17, 10 a.m.

WATERBURY STORYTIME See WED.16, 10 a.m.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'THE BAND'S VISIT' See FRI.18, 7 p.m.

music

Also, see club dates in Section A.

SAMBATUCADA! REHEARSAL. Percussive peeps pound out carnival rhythms at an open meeting of this Brazilian-style community drumming troupe. Switchback Brewery, Burlington, 6 p.m. $5. Info, 343-1101.

BASSOON CONCERT Also wind instruments round off an ensemble to a program featuring a new bassoon quartet by Vermont composer Tim Woos. Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

BOWFIRE. Master string players provide jazz, classical, bluegrass, Celtic, rock and world music in a wide-ranging paean to violins and fiddles. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 7 p.m. $35.85-44.50. Info, 863-5966.

EARTH DAY CONCERT Folk musician and tenor Geoff Kaufman sings songs of the land and sea. Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

sport

WINDOW EXERCISE See WED.16, 10 a.m.

ZUMBA FITNESS (OLYMPIAD) See THU.17, 8:15 a.m.

talks

'AMERICA, CAPITALISM & THE ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE' Environmental stalwart prof Gus Speth, dean of the Yale School of Forestry, predicts a complete transformation in American treatment of natural resources. McCardell Bicentennial Hall, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 7:30 p.m. Info, 443-5130.

'BIOTECH & ETHICS' Ethics professor Suzanne Holland of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, explains why embryos are not the chief moral issue in the stem cell debate. McCardell Bicentennial Hall, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 443-5011, www.middlebury.edu.

CONSERVATION TALK. Groundwater rights advocate Scott Fowler examines natural resource protection from a Native American perspective. Stella Mountain Room, Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, 5 p.m. Free. Info, 626-6420, www.lyndonstate.edu/arts

HUMANITIES SERIES TALK. Jane Ambrose, the director of UVM's Lane Series, presents aural examples of sacred medieval music. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 2 p.m. $5. Info, 862-2531, www.nosvermont.org

STANFORD ADDISON The Native American spiritual leader and horse trainer explains how non-forceful ways of approaching equines can ease tensions between people, too. McCarthy Arts Center Gallery, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, 4 p.m. Donations. Info, 654-2536, www.stanfordison.com

words

'RE-MAKING SENSE' BOOK RELEASE Four Vermont members of Iraq Veterans Against the War read and perform their contributions to a new poetry-and-art anthology. Ira Allen Chapel, UVM, Burlington, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 318-1124, www.vaw.org/vermonts.

APPLIED STORYTELLING Adults consider how personal narratives sustain communities, families and other social networks. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918, www.williston.lib.vt.us.

TUE.22

activism

'SAVING A PLACE AT THE TABLE' Place settings belonging to survivors of violent crime in Vermont form a short public exhibit assembled by the Vermont Department of Corrections. Statehouse Cafeteria, Montpelier, 8-10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 241-2222.

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL. See WED.16, 5-5:30 p.m.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

dance

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER. The company founded by blues-legacy choreographer Alvin Ailey performs two of his signature sensual works. See calendar spotlight, this issue. Moore Theater, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $50. Info, 603-646-2422, www.hop.dartmouth.edu.

LINE DANCING Boot scooters show off fancy footwork at the Harvest Moon Banquet Room. Essex Junction beginners' lesson, 6-7 p.m.; open dancing, 7-9 p.m. Harvest Moon Banquet Room, Essex Junction, 6-9 p.m. $9.50. Info, 434-2001.

SWING DANCING Open practice makes perfect for swing-motivated swing dancers of all levels. Champlain Club, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $3. Info, 860-1501.

environment

CLEAN CAR SHOW Handle and fuel-efficient, electric and hybrid vehicles roll through the fine points of renewable energy mobility. Church Street Marketplace, Burlington, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Info, 862-9980. www.10percentchallenge.org/

EARTH DAY Figure out your ecological "footprint" and consider composting kitchen waste at an environmentally minded common ty skill share. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Info, 223-8004, ext. 202, www.hungermountain.com.

education

ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP Midday learners try lunch in a foreign language to sharpen communication skills. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

PARLEZ CAFE. Novice and fluent French speakers brush up on their linguistics — en français. Borders Books & Music, Burlington, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 655-1346.

etc.

CHARITY BINGO See WED.16, 7 p.m.

ECO-SEW WORKSHOP Knotty crafters tie contemporary pattern to make new macrame friends. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $15. Info, 899-6202, rachel@thebobbin.com, www.thebobbin.com

SENIOR BREAKFAST See THU.17, 8-10 a.m.

SPEED DATING Singles decide within a few minutes of meeting whether their chemistry is fizzy or flat. Ages 38-52, 6:30 p.m.; ages 24-36, 8:30 p.m. The Green Restaurant & Bar, Colchester, 6:30 p.m. $35. Info, 877-417-3328, www.cupid.com/pradating

food & drink

'SOAKING AND SPROUTING GRAINS, NUTS & SEEDS' Tabletop growers learn how to unlock the nutritional potential of tasty kernels, then take home a free sprouting kit. City Market, Burlington, 6-7 p.m. Free. Info, 863-3659, www.citymarket.coop

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING BINGO See WED.16, 2 p.m.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING See WED.16.

DARK KNIGHT COMICS CLUB Pencil-and-pen holders draw on their inner resources to produce paneled narratives. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

ECHO STORYTIME Young explorers discover the wonders of the natural world through books and imaginative play. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 11 a.m. $9-$10.50. Info, 864-1848.

MUDFEST MUSIC See THU.17, 1 p.m.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME. Kids up to age 5. See FRI.18, 10 a.m.

TASTY READS: CHEESE Culinary students read cheesy tales, then help kids in grades K-5 prep snack-worthy dishes from one of Vermont's signature dairy products. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6954, brownell.library@yahoo.com, www.essexjunction.org/Brownell/

TODDLER STORYTIME. Tykes under age 3 enjoy stories, songs and a snack. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

WINOOSKI STORYTIME Preschoolers aged 2-and-a-half to 5 expend energy in finger play and song, then listen to tales. Winooski Memorial Library, Winooski, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 655-6424.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'LIVING WITH REFUGEES' Shot in Sudan and Chad by award-winning journalist Simona Sammo, this documentary showcases the first-person experience of life in a refugee camp. Mallayan Jones Room, University Heights North, UVM, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 413-441-5541, www.uvm.edu/~stand

'THE BAND'S VISIT' See FRI.18, 7 p.m.

'THE GREAT WARMING' Leonardo DiCaprio narrates this made-for-TV documentary about the potentially disastrous effects of global climate change. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-1612.

'THE OFFICIAL STORY' In this 1985 film set in Buenos Aires, a woman married to a man with military corp connections seeks the true identity of her 5-year-old adopted daughter. 43 King Street, Burlington, 7 p.m. Donations. Info, 863-3440, engage@burlingtonbelecom.net.

SECRET MOVIE NIGHT Indie film buffs wait with bated breath for a cinematic surprise at 12 North Street, Burlington, 8 p.m. $3. Info, 651-3333, will@solartheory.com, www.secretmovienight.com

music

Also, see club dates in Section A.

CATHEDRAL ARTS CONCERT Pianists Suzanne Guthmann and Melody Puller perform works by Bach, Beethoven, Ravel, Janacek and Debussy. St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 864-0471, www.cathedralarts.org

DRUMMING REHEARSAL. See THU.17, 6 p.m.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS. Male music makers rehearse barbershop singing and quartetting. St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Info, 655-2949.

THERAMIN PERFORMANCE Composer Brian Robinson demonstrates the eerie-sounding electronic instrument once used in sci-fi movie soundtracks at a multi-musician concert of classical, jazz and experimental music. Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

UVM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Student soloist Xinlan Lin performs Chopin's Piano Concerto no. 2 in F minor with orchestral accompaniment, followed by Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3040, www.uvm.edu/~music.

sport

GREEN MOUNTAIN DERBY DAMES See THU.17, 9 p.m.

ZUMBA FITNESS (FITNESS OPTIONS) See THU.17, 6:30 p.m.

ZUMBA FITNESS (OLYMPIAD) See THU.17, 1 p.m.

talks

'A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE' Baptist minister and civil rights activist Elbert Ransom Jr. describes his participation in the Montgomery Bus Boycott and other initiatives led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Hillcrest Environmental Center, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 443-5320.

COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHOOL What can you do when the joint's not jumping? Rheumatology expert Dr. Sheldon Cooper sums up symptoms and management techniques for osteoarthritis. Carpenter Auditorium, Given Medical Building, UVM, Burlington, 6-7 p.m. Free. Info, 847-2886, www.med.uvm.edu/cms

PERENNIAL KNOW-HOW Landscape designer Brian Vaughan helps homeowners choose plants suited to particular soil types, orientations, hardiness zones and micro-climates. UVM Horticultural Research Center, South Burlington, 6-8 p.m. Donations. Info, 864-3073, www.friendsofthehortfarm.org

PRE-PERFORMANCE DISCUSSION Font Evans, director of Hopkins Center Dance and the Dartmouth Dance Ensemble, sums up the style and legacy of choreographer Alvin Ailey. See calendar spotlight, this issue. Room 219, Wilson Hall, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 6 p.m. Free. Info, 603-646-1110.

words

ANN MCKINSTRY MICOU The author of two guides to literature set in Vermont talks about her love for the Green Mountain State by reading and cataloging fiction that uses it as a backdrop. Warren Public Library, Warren, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 496-3913, http://www.vermonthumanities.org/index.files/vtfiction.htm

BOOK GROUP Readers of Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief* consider its depiction of a literary kleptomaniac in WWII Germany. Flying Pig Bookstore, Shelburne, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 985-3999.

BURLINGTON WRITERS' SIGN-UP Bring pencil, paper and the will to be inspired to the Acoustic Lounge, Parima Acoustic Lounge, Burlington, 7-8 p.m. Free. Info, 999-1664.

FIONA SAMPSON The Wales native, poet and editor of the British Poetry Society's *Poetry Review* reads selected work from her 2007 book *Common Prayer*. St. Edmund's Hall, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2536, www.smcvt.edu

WED.23

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL. See WED.16, 5-5:30 p.m.

RED FLAG DISPLAY Scarlet markers represent incidents of sexual violence reported in Chittenden County in 2007. Unitarian Church Lawn, Burlington. April 23 - May 1. Free. Info, 864-0555.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

dance

SALSALINA PRACTICE See WED.16, 6 p.m.

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER. See TUE.22, 7 p.m.

etc.

BINGO See WED.16, 6:30 p.m.

CHARITY BINGO See WED.16, 7 p.m.

CHESS GROUP See WED.16, 7 p.m.

ECO-SEW SOFTIES Recycled fabrics, yarns and notions combine to create super cute stuffed animals, monsters and robots. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $20. Info, 899-6202, rachel@thebobbin.com, www.thebobbin.com

GERMAN-ENGLISH EXCHANGE: Anglophones practice foreign-language conversation with native speakers of *Deutsch* and vice versa. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

SAT.19

PIECE OF CAKE

Back when grunge was God, indie-rock forerunners Cake rose by combining funk, ska, country and Afro-Cuban licks with laconic lyrics. Formed in 1991 by vocalist and songwriter John McCrea, the trumpet-fueled band specializes in wry, satirical-verging-on-nonsensical songs in the same vein as They Might Be Giants. Cake's castigatory anthem "Never There" topped the U.S. modern-rock charts in 1998. Nearly two decades after its debut, Cake just served up the first album on its own label, Upbeat Records — a comp Cuban disc titled *B-Sides and Rarities* that layers live versions of Cake tunes with covers from Black Sabbath's "War Pigs" to Barry White's "Never, Never Gonna Give You Up." Fans consume sonic slices at a Middlebury campus show.

CAKE
Saturday, April 19, Kenyon Arena, Middlebury College, 9 p.m. $10-30. Info, 443-6433. www.cakemusic.com

KNITTING POSSE: See WED 16, 7 p.m.

NOONTIME KNITTERS: See WED 16, 12-1 p.m.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP: See WED 16, 12-1 p.m.

food & drink

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See WED 16, 2 p.m.

WILD EDIBLES: Herbalist and foraging expert Sarama Gray Hiss introduces Vermonters to nutritious and medicinal plants on a virtual woodland stroll beginning at the Back 40 Lodge. Green Mountain Club Headquarters, Waterbury Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $25. Info, 244-7037. http://www.greenmountainclub.org

kids

'FARMER FOR A DAY': Boot-shod kids ages 5 to 12 care for farm animals and prepare the garden during a lively day outdoors. Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. $35. Info, 985-8686, ext. 341, www.shelburnefarms.org

'READ TO JUPITER': Canine-loving kids in grades K-6 gain confidence by reading stories to a yellow Lab. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 10-11 a.m. Free. Info, 878-6956, brownell.library@yahoo.com, www.essexjunction.org/brownell/

ANIMAL FEEDING: See WED 16.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: See WED 16, 11 a.m.

CHESS CLUB: See WED 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

HINESBURG PLAYGROUP: See WED 16, 10-11:30 a.m.

MUDFEST MUSIC: See THU 17, 1 p.m.

PETER THE MUSIC MAN: See WED 16, 12:30 p.m.

SALAMANDER SLEUTHS: Adults accompany nature lovers ages 3 to 6 to seek springtime amphibians under forest rocks and logs. Green Mountain Audubon Center, Huntington, 1-2 p.m. $8. Info, 434-3068.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See WED 16, 10 a.m.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP: See WED 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

YOGA FOR KIDS: Stretchers ages 7 to 14 wear loose, comfy clothing to learn postures, movements and breathing techniques from a certified instructor. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 3-4 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6956, brownell.library@yahoo.com, www.essexjunction.org/brownell/

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'FREEHELD': Academy Award-winning director Cynthia Wade presents her short-subject documentary about a female police lieutenant with terminal cancer who tries to secure pension benefits for her same-sex life partner. A Q&A session follows the screening. Dana Auditorium, Sunderland Language Center, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 443-5483.

'THE BAND'S VISIT': See FRI 18, 7 p.m.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

DUBRAVKA TOMSIC: The Russian pianist who didn't play in the U.S. for 30 years after her Carnegie Hall debut wows with works by Mozart, Scarlatti, Beethoven, Brahms and Prokofiev. Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury, 7:30 p.m. $12-15. Info, 443-6433.

ST. ANDREW'S PIPES AND DRUMS: See WED 16, 7:30 p.m.

UVM CONCERT CHOIR: The Catamount Singers and women's chorus present sacred and secular vocal works under the direction of guest conductor Lisa Wolff. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3040, www.uvm.edu/~music.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See WED 16, 1:30 p.m.

talks

'JACQUES CARTIER AND FOOL'S GOLD': Historian-in-residence Willard Sterne Randall relates the New World adventures of the French explorer who "found" Montréal in 1534. Alumni Auditorium, Champlain College, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 860-2722.

'UTOPIAN CITIES': Architect Diane Gayer, author of *Eco-Design: A History of Utopian Architecture*, shares urban planning projects in a talk about the sustainable metropolis. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7 p.m. Info, 238-4627.

MEDIA LITERACY NIGHT: Vermont consumers of TV, radio, print and online news compare U.S. media sources to international ones. CCTV Channel 17 Studios, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 862-3966.

PRE-PERFORMANCE DISCUSSION: See TUE 22.

REFUGEE ART PANEL: Representatives from Vermont's Tibetan, Bosnian and African refugee communities chat about the Vermont Folklife Center's ongoing efforts to increase their arts ensembles and performers. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building, UVM, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-4389, www.uvm.edu/~cerl.

SPRING BONANZA OF BIRDS: Mark LaBarr, a conservation biologist with Audubon Vermont, explains how avian enthusiasts can identify recently returned winged migrants. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 862-7772, www.naturecompass.org/[illegible]

theater

'KING LEAR': Shakespeare's wild-eyed monarch receives tender treatment from the Vermont Stage Company in an abridged version of the tragedy that features an original, stormy score. FlynnSpace, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $23-31.50. Info, 863-5966, www.vtstage.org

'SEEKING': Thespians sketch situations inspired by actual personal ads in this original play penned by three Burlington-based dramaturges. See "State of the Arts," this issue. Waterfront Theatre, Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, Burlington, 8 p.m. $12. Info, 863-5966, info@lostandfoundtheater.com, www.lostandfoundtheater.com.

'THE FULL MONTY': This hit musical follows a group of unemployed steelworkers whose desperate plans require them to shed their fears, their nerves and their clothes. Briggs Opera House, White River Junction, 7:30 p.m. $25. Info, 296-7000, www.northernstage.org

'THE GLASS MENAGERIE': See FRI 18, 7:30 p.m.

words

PAUL PAPARELLA: The Westford-based versifier encourages audience participation at a reading from his book *On Waking Up All Over the World*. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955, brownell.library@yahoo.com, www.essexjunction.org/brownell/

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WOMEN seeking MEN

BE FEARLESS
My friends would describe me as outgoing, caring and honest. My first feature is my personality. I know how to work hard but I take advantage of playing hard (in moderation). I am looking to get out and broaden my horizons and meet new people. Looking to find someone to hang out with, get to know & maybe try something new. **befearless, 44** ☐ [illegible]

ECCENTRIC WILDWOMAN ARTIST WRITER-FARMER
The empty nest is freeing and, although I enjoy my own company, I'd like to share some time with an interesting, energetic, earth-loving fringe dweller like myself. You should be an Iowa native, openminded, adventurous nonconformist with a quirky penchant for the subversively absurd. You must love to play in the dirt and be ever ready to dance on the edges. **thegmistress, 54** [illegible]

COMPASSIONATE, OPTIMISTIC, CREATIVE
SWF mistaken for an angel all the time. Give me a chance and you'll find the free spirit within. I'm getting close to 30-something. [illegible] and friendly [illegible]. I work hard and play well with others. I love a good book, long talks and live music. **JB Parker, 28** [illegible]

BLACK HAIR, GREEN EYES
I am a very hard worker and very passionate about everything I get involved in. I am looking for a man who has a sense of humor, enjoys going out and doing things and once in a while staying in to relax. Sense of adventure is a plus along with a kind and openminded personality. [illegible]

NO BOXES OR FIT IN...
[illegible] complex, writer, organic farmer, woman therapist. Not perfect. Has great qualities... kindness, intelligence, creativity, humor, physically fit, emotionally aware. Income [illegible] time, and friends rich. Love friends, relaxing, hiking, weaving, knitting, cycling, riding, swimming, kayaking, tele-skiing, knitting, reading, learning, eating and canning [illegible], crossword puzzles, feeling cared for, caring for others, stars, meditation. Want to grow old with non-smoking, non-[illegible] [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURES
Outgoing, confident, curious, adventure-loving lady looking for someone to experience life's adventures. I like great food and wine, beaches, travel, travel, travel, oh... and let's not forget art, music, gardening, photography, drinks, anything around water. That's just a few. You are confident, happy, active and have passions of your own you would perhaps share with me. [illegible] 45, ☐ [illegible]

OH YEAH, AND I'M FABULOUS
My favorite colors are pink and black. I can count to three in Japanese, say "three tomatoes are dancing on my head" in Spanish and "I love you" in German. What about you? **withgrace** [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

ARE YOU REAL?
I am totally delightful and beautiful and a complete goddess. Only goddess-respecting men need apply. No wankers, please. I love to read, play, create, good taste, and [illegible] tea. I am open, honest, and graceful. **bluepearlgirl, 28,** ☐ [illegible]

MONTPELIER SINGLE, SMART AND SEXY
I am looking for someone who is healthy, confident, sweet, respectful, kind and interesting. Woo me with poetry and don't be scared off by my mind. I am a poet, a Goddess, a professional woman. I have little patience for games but I love to play. **Divine, 31,** ☐ [illegible]

ATHLETIC, HUGGING AND ALWAYS LAUGHING
Life is much less complicated when you can laugh at yourself. I am fortunate to love what I do and to be active outdoors in all four seasons with my yellow Lab, who shares my love of running outdoors and relaxing comfortably indoors. I am confident in myself and looking for someone who feels the same. Let's see where it goes. [illegible] **41,** ☐ [illegible]

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW
I woke up this morning and went skiing. It was beautiful, the sunniest day in a long time. Who dreamed I'd be skiing in fresh powder on March [illegible]. I love spending time with my family and friends. I like to make people smile. I hope you get a chance to smile today. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

FABULOUS FUN FANTASTIC
I currently work as a counselor with at-risk teenagers (14-17 years old). I enjoy the simple things in life, a heartfelt sunset, the stars and the moon, laughing, a smile. I enjoy running, biking, hiking, snowshoeing, lounging in the sun. I also like reading, writing, watching a movie, hanging with my son and dog, cooking. **Flamingolips, 44** ☐ [illegible]

COUNTRY GIRL WITH NO TV
I am as diverse as the Green Mountains and as simple as a babbling brook. Independent, secure and can go from dirt to boardroom with ease. I am not looking to do your laundry. You are happy in who you are, not trying to change who you are with. Smokers, conservatives and monolingual need not apply. **Purecountry 50** [illegible]

WOMEN seeking WOMEN

ROMANTIC, MATURE, HUMOROUS
I consider myself to be a bit reserved in a group of people and I am always passionate about what I do. No one can tell me what I am going to do if I have already made up my mind. However, if I am wrong, I will admit it. I'm reliable and understanding. I'm always here to talk to. [illegible] 58 [illegible]

I PLAY THE SAXOPHONE
I've been playing the saxophone for almost [illegible] years and it's my life. I am a jazz studies major at UVM. I'm not exactly sure what I'm looking for at this point. I do want to meet someone [illegible] eventually. Wishes, hugs and love. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

LOTS OF LAUGHS
I've gotten to this point where I would love to meet new people and just build a web of great people around me. I'm also looking forward to going on some harmless dates and really want to experience a good time. I love to laugh and have a good time. My nights are free, so I'm waiting. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

LESBIAN LOOKING FOR SAME
Looking for a girl I can have fun with and be comfortable getting to know. I'm relatively shy, [illegible] into friendship first. Then whatever else may be will be. [illegible] 18, ☐ [illegible]

LOOKING FOR SOME FUN
I'm looking for someone to hang out with throughout my life. I would like someone to go out and explore this world with. I love to go to the movies, I love to hang out down at the waterfront and watch the sunset and most of all I love to spend my time making someone else smile. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

FUNNY PECULIAR OR FUNNY HA-HA?
Some of my friends think that I am hysterical, but I am not exactly sure why. I love to talk and have fun. I enjoy finding genuine connections with people. I want to date and maintain my individuality. I am woman. Hear me roar. Interested in conversation and more? Wanna play Boggle? [illegible]

PART TIME LOVER, FULL-TIME FRIEND
I'm looking for an active lady, 45-55, who would love to chill out once in a while. I'm not monogamous for long, so I don't expect that from you. Writing a personal ad is weird, but I'm willing to communicate on any level. I'm not into heavy drugs or couples. I love to dance. Let's tango. **ladylove, 30,** [illegible]

MEN seeking WOMEN

GOOFY, FUN GUY SERIOUSLY AVAILABLE!
Hi there. I'm a normal guy making his way in the world who likes to have a lot of fun. I'll kick out and go riding with my dog and friends, ride my motorcycle and get lost in the woods, but I'm a well-mannered and responsible (mostly) person. I'm hoping to find friendship and hopefully some good love? [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

MAKING FUN MOST OF LIFE
I really love meeting new people from all walks of life. Love going out and chilling with friends. I'm looking to have even more fun by sharing someone special. **AfricanChocolate, 21,** ☐ [illegible]

ACTIVE, SNOWBOARDING FARMER
Some of you see me snowboarding around Vermont on my [illegible]. Well, I'm a widower and have weekends free to do traditional deer and [illegible]. I will tell you more about me if you are a female snowboarder or farm-oriented [illegible]. [illegible] 55 ☐ [illegible]

BUILT FOR YOUR PLEASURE
Are you looking for a smooth outdoor guy who snowboards, hikes and likes hot sex in wild locations? Well, try me on. Let's see if I can cook something sweet to taste and seduce you to [illegible]. **VTchocolate, 44** [illegible]

MAKE YOU SMILE
I'm a nice guy, love to laugh, enjoy life because you only go around once. Got my heart ripped out 6 months ago. Looking for someone who likes to go out and have a great time, but also stay in and hang. No head games, please. [illegible] 38, [illegible]

TENDER AS THE NIGHT
I am [illegible] out of a 30-year relationship and realize that I do not have any women friends. I want to travel, meet the people of this world and share the laughter and soul of a good woman. Things happen for a reason and I want to find the reason. **alwaysseeking, 54,** ☐ [illegible]

UP FOR ANYTHING
What do I like to do? I like spending summer days on my boat on Lake Champlain, skiing at [illegible], enjoying the sun with friends and listening to music. I like concerts, campfires, travel, working, making out, fishing, music, skiing, beaches, ocean, BBQs, hanging with friends or just spending time at home watching a movie. I'm up for anything. **blockguy, 44,** ☐ [illegible]

STRANGER IN THE COMMONWEALTH
I'm currently living in Massachusetts but am originally from the great state of Vermont and would like to one day return home to live. I'm just curious as to what's going on back home. What I'm in search of I guess. I've grown a little domestic in the last few years. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

HEY
I am a delightfully intelligent and active person. I would like to find someone who is professionally driven but knows how to take it easy once in a while. **AJ, 23** [illegible]

SLOW ME DOWN A BIT
I have been lucky to achieve most that I have sought, maybe at the cost of a successful relationship. The next stage I enjoy cooking around the house and dragging everything to go out to hike or kayak. Spontaneous or constructed? You decide. I get structure at work. Fit and active, seeking partner to enjoy them and grow with. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

HONEST HARDWORKING SINGLE DAD
I'm a 41-year-old divorced dad. I've been single for a year and am ready to start dating. I'm looking for friendship, companionship, maybe more. Who knows? [illegible]

FUN ROUGHNECK INTELLECTUAL
I'm full of energy and ideas. I'm a [illegible] and a philosopher. I like to get up early in the morning, and I like to dance late into the night. I look roughneck but clean up well and make a fairly intellectual [illegible] verbally. Let's face our demons and pursue our fantasies together. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

COURAGEOUS, COMPASSIONATE, LOVING, WISER MAN
Seeking mature woman, 30-60, who values honesty, integrity, intimacy and a passion for life. My values are to live life to the fullest, trust my own judgment and live by it. I am [illegible]. Building some and seeking friendship or possibly a relationship with the right woman. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

HONEST, PASSIONATE, HANDSOME AND FREE
I am a caring man who will hold you close and let you go. I want to make you laugh, make you curl your toes with pleasure. Are you ready? [illegible] 50 ☐ [illegible]

[illegible]
Delightful, perhaps, does not describe me. [illegible] I am not [illegible] in short, and to the point. I can't wait until I'm old enough to look back fondly on these memories. I have a dry, quirky sense of humor. Meh. [illegible] 24 ☐ [illegible]

WITTY, GENEROUS, LAID-BACK, GENTLEMAN
I can't do [illegible] a million-dollar account with the president of the bank in the morning and playing a game of softball and enjoying a [illegible] in the parking lot in the evening. College grad professional, good looking guy seeking fun, attractive female. [illegible] 40 [illegible]

LOVE AND ROMANCE
Loving, romantic but also a bit of a tomboy, looking to share in the great feelings that love can bring: the butterflies, sweaty palms, [illegible] heartbeat from just seeing you from across the room or being in your arms. And to walk hand in hand with through this life. [illegible] 43 ☐ [illegible]

[illegible]
No one is really who they appear to be [illegible]. I am trying to break my social routines by placing this ad. I am a very relaxed person most of the time, but I can be very [illegible]. Sometimes it is very hard for me to open up, but inside is a gentleman. [illegible] 25 ☐ [illegible]

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
I am doing this so I can find some nice girl who shares the same passion for music as I do and someone who is honest. If this sounds like you, then I think we will get along great. Look forward to hearing from you. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

FUN, FUNNY, AND WACKY
I'm back in VT after a ten-year break. I'm really just looking to meet some new people into the things I like to do (mountain biking, snowboarding, hiking, camping, drinking a cold pint, etc.) because everything is better with a friend. Good laughs and good company. I like to provide the laughter, even at my own expense. **Laughatmyself, 28** ☐ [illegible]

MEN seeking MEN

NEW TO THESE PARTS
I am professional but also enjoy being silly. I love to camp, ski, bike and the outdoors in general. I do keep myself in good shape and am looking for the same. Looking for new opportunities to explore life that also like cuddling with a good book (or a good man). [illegible] 40 ☐ [illegible]

FUN-LOVING GUY
I'm 5'11", [illegible] lbs., good-looking, great body. Nice guy all around. Fun to walk, fun to be with. I'm looking for a fun guy to have fun with: do things with, [illegible] movies and more. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS AND MORE
GWM, 150 lbs., 5'8", looking for friends and more. Someone to have fun with in and out of bed. Someone honest and fun to be with. [illegible]

SWEET UNTIL HURT
I am looking for a good, decent guy who knows how to treat me right. I am caring and honest, and I love being loved. I'm looking for a long term relationship. I have a few extra pounds that I am losing. I have been told that I am definitely not ugly but not as cute as Brad Pitt. [illegible] ☐ [illegible]

ADVENTURES IN THE MOUNTAINS
I am a first-year student at Johnson State in Vermont. Moved from Florida [illegible]. I am honest and loving although a bit quiet at times. I taught myself five languages, have my [illegible] a blackbelt, love Latin/ballroom dancing, and my signature dance, the oh so sexy tango. I love to cook, especially for other people. **VTItalian 19** ☐ [illegible]

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WOMEN seeking

LOOKING TO EXPAND MY HORIZONS
Let's see. Who is this? I am a... well, I'd say sub, but with developing dom feelings so I guess switch would be better. Love kind play, see my list. Looking to have some fun, sexual and platonic. Please feel free to drop me a line. **[illegible]**, F? ?, #104252

NEED A PARTNER IN CRIME?
Looking for some chill girls to hang with and potentially bring home for some fun with my man. New to the scene but have been curious for a long time. **girlforfunstay**, F? ☐ #[illegible]

COFFEE & CIGARETTES
Me. I think with my head. I love coffee. I drink, I smoke, I enjoy life. I think I'm attractive, and I've got confidence. I'm not sure what I'm looking for, but I'm not looking to be serious off the bat. I would like to get to know people and see where life goes. **[illegible]**, 24 ☐ #100131

SEXY, NAKED SUN, SPORTS, HOT TIMES
Looking for some summertime playmates. Love going to Button Bay. **[illegible]**, F? #[illegible]

YOU'RE IN CHARGE
Slip your hands up my skirt and make me feel good. I'll let you be in charge if you'll let me come loudly and frequently. **[illegible]**, F? #100153

CAN'T GET ENOUGH
Looking for a boy toy and readily available booty call. NSA. Open, playful and energetic. Not interested in conversation, just pleasure. Slim decent tender and must have picture for exchange before meeting. D/D-free. **[illegible]**, 24 ☐ #100927

DON'T WANNA BE GIRL-GIRL VIRGIN
Never done anything with another girl before but definitely want to get into it. I am shy so I need a girl who will lead me. I am also into yoga, definitely. And I have never had a threesome. I'm willing to try it only with the kinky ones... but group sex is always a plus, so couples welcome! **sexuallyexplicit**, 18 ☐ #100804

GENTLE, ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT
I'm interested in finding folks for sexual encounters that are meaningful yet free of strings. Please be spiritual by nature (i.e. have a basic respect for living creatures and self), silly, gentle and kind, openminded and attractive. I love yoga and breathing, healthy living and eating, reading, exercising, watching thought provoking movies, laughing and exploring the world. **sweets**, 34, ☐ #[illegible]

WARM, CURVY LADY
I am a warm, loving woman. I want a lady with at least a little meat on her bones. I want to worship every curve she may get. I am a hearty-lusty kind of lady. I love to make the right lady smile with desire. Are you the lady I am looking for? **[illegible]**, 4?, ☐ #108194

SEXY, SLIM & OPEN MINDED
Looking for couple (man and woman!) looking for something fun and new. Been with women before, would love to do again. Would like to make a friendship/play. I am clean and lots of fun. If you're seeking someone young and fun to fulfill your desire, write me a message and we can get to know each other. Will provide pics when asked for. **[illegible]**, F? ☐ #108623

EXOTIC, PLAYFUL WOMAN
Exotic playful woman looking for NSA fun. Can't host but will travel. Married, not looking to leave, but need more flavors for life! **[illegible]**, 2? #108414

SEEKING TO FULFILL A FANTASY
I'd ??-year old female with fiance seeks to realize a fantasy with a woman. You must be clean, d/d-free, open, honest. Fiance gives me the go ahead. I would try anything once, maybe twice, but take it slow. I'm new to this and shy. Maybe friends first and see what develops. Fiance not included, just me and another woman. **[illegible]**, F? ☐ #108795

VIXEN WANTS TO PLAY!
I am ?? years old and am very bisexual. Looking for a femme who is able to have fun in and out of bed. Must have a sense of humor. Height and weight proportionate. **[illegible]**, F? ☐ #108560

COME PLAY WITH ME
Attached but needing more than I get at home. NSA playing without head games or strings. **[illegible]**, 36, ☐ #108217

STRONG, SASSY SUB NEEDS A DOMME
I am a very busy mom in need of a strong woman to worship. She (you!) will enjoy binding me to make me her slave for a long term relationship. We may see each other only sporadically, but regularly for beautiful sessions, where fetish, etc. I like pain although not into extreme play. I am ready to explore the boundaries. **[illegible]**, 3? #100713

WIGGLE! JIGGLE! WIGGLE!
Do you love hemp rope and have you ever fantasized about it? Let's explore and play. Please bring an open mind, clear communication and a sense of adventure. p.s. I'm a girl. ;) **[illegible]**, 33 ☐ #107896

SEXY, BLOND BIKING
I'm looking for a man who knows how to have a good time with no commitment. If you want to know more, email me. **[illegible]**, F? ☐ #107904

GIRL-GIRL VIRGIN... HELP!
Any mentor for the girl-girl experience? I want to lose my "virginity". I have the only cock I want, but need a playmate. Want someone different from me in all the right places, for sexy fun with NO drama. Need a dirty mind, dirty mouth and clean medical record. I'm too young to be tied down, too old to be reckless. Let's see whatcha got! **[illegible]**, ?? ☐ #107154

NAUGHTY GIRL NEXT DOOR
Never done this before but I got sick of guys. I love playing real sex rather than role play. Toys are always fun. I'm down for anything at least once. **shygirl02**, 22 #107?19

HIGHLY PASSIONATE
SWF 24 looking for pleasure, love & lust. Wants like to explore some kinky fantasies. A man willing to give me a try to please him. Clean and discreet, please. Possible relationship too. **[illegible]**, 40 #108964?

MEN seeking

PLAY TOY FOR YOU
I'm funny, smart and have a great sense of humor. I'm probably the nicest guy you'll ever meet. I love to please my partners. Getting pleased is great too. Treating my partner wanton with pleasure is awesome. I'm not judgmental, I'm very openminded. I'm also not shy... so don't you be either. **[illegible]**, F? #109228

ONE OF A KIND
Just looking for a NSA encounter. Drop me a line if you're interested in having some fun. **[illegible]**, F? ☐ #109315

BORED AND NEWLY SINGLE
?S M loves girls of all shapes and sizes. Just looking for a nice noncommittal meeting where we can play around. I'm sweet-natured, far from small and can make you laugh at the same time. Up for some fun. **[illegible]**, 29 #109?61

REAL HORNY GUY
Hello Ladies, I'm 3?, 5'7", short brown hair, green eyes, 1?? lbs, always horny. I'd love to masturbate in front of a woman. The one I deal looking for a real kinky lady who would love to try anything. **[illegible]**, 33 #109233

GOOD-LOOKING, ATHLETIC, SKILLED
I'm somewhat new to Burlington and am just as respectful as I am skilled. I enjoy giving pleasure as much as receiving it... anything from a massage to... If you're interested, send me an email. **yogalover** 3? #109?91

NATIVE WARRIOR
Hi. My name's Dustin. I'm new to the area and looking for a girl who could show me around and share some fun. A little about me: I'm liberal and a big fan of heavy metal and underground hip hop. I snowboard in the winter and ride motorcycles in the summer. I'm laid-back. I love microbrews and smoking ganja. **[illegible]**, 22 ☐ #109?43

GIRTH ISSUES
I'm a clean 47 year-old with thickness where it counts. I am looking for a clean, single woman for mutual pleasure. You never know. **woodchuck**, 47 #109??2

SMOKER LOOKING FOR JUNKYARD SEX
My dog loves to ride around in the El Camino. He's a good dog. I like drinking beer and watching TV. When I can, I like to go to the junk yard and let Jake run while I sit in the cars and trucks smoking cigarettes and daydreaming about beautiful women. I'd like to meet one and have sex. **[illegible]**, 3? ☐ #1??139

UNDERSEXED
Oooh. I like it, I like it a lot. But doing it great is a must. Attached but she cannot satisfy me completely. I love to touch, feel you, go the distance. This could be fun... must be adventurous. Contact me and let's see where we can take this. **[illegible]**, 42 #1?4917

HARDER, FASTER, LONGER, STRONGER
Funny, but the song describes me well. I'm very well domesticated, so on a date I could cook in the kitchen, too. Perhaps the fact that I am very grounded and looking for the zest in life will attract like minded thinkers. I am straight. I have been with couples and threesomes. Would ravish two women if given the chance. **[illegible]**, 33 ☐ #1??109

LOOKING FOR FUN
I am looking for a woman who wants to have some no-holds-barred sexual adventures, in and out of the bedroom. **[illegible]**, 39, #1??100

LOOKING TO EXPERIMENT
Bored housebody with lots of free time. Able to travel. Disease-free. Looking for internet encounters. Well educated, decent looking. Looking for F 35-60. **[illegible]**, 41 #109174

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LOOKING FOR FUN AND EXCITEMENT
Looking for fun and excitement up to almost anything fun. Have a high sex drive, always ready and willing. Love motorcycles and sports. Looking for someone that likes to ride with their own bike or mine. **[illegible]**, 41 #109134

PASSIONATE, HOT, EXTREMELY AROUSED: PLEASURE, SERVING
I'm looking to meet a woman interested in dom cutting, as well as doing dom naked. Kinky and nice smiling. I'm open-minded, single, and available to a woman, couple, or group that may already be attached, but looking for that extra playmate for discreet encounters. I can give great attention to the right person or persons. Clean and D-free, you must be same. **passionplay** 44 #109129

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
I'm an average looking and undersexed 22 y/o college student looking for someone similar to blow off steam with. What I lack in experience I make up for with passion. I'm creative, open-minded, and have a nearly limitless sexual appetite. I love giving and receiving oral, and also would be interested in exploring some light kink. **adventureseek1**, ?? #109071

BOY TOY SEEKS MISTRESS
Attractive, intelligent male looking for a girl who would like to play mistress. Any and all types of pleasure and imagination may be used. If the desire to play mistress and dominate your man appeals to you, then I'd love to hear from you. **[illegible]**, 25, #109067

LOOKING FOR A FUN TIME
Young and looking to have a fun time because you only live once. **[illegible]**, F? #1?9068

I NEED WOMEN
I'm looking for a hot, adventurous woman for discreet times. Missing something in a marriage? Then I'm your man. 35-year-old nympho looking for aggressive, hot temptress with no-holds-barred attitude. Could have extra pounds and be anywhere from 18-45. Very discreet and very safe. I'm just addicted to oral. I need... Leave your name and number please. **[illegible]**, 3? ☐ #109030

GOT TOYS!
Looking for naughty girls who like to play. Experienced, looking for the same (or fast learners). **FunMasterVT**, 4? #1??588

RESPECTFULLY NAUGHTY FLING
Attached man who feels very lucky in life. Hoping to find an ongoing friendship with the right woman that seeks to develop into a long-term romantic friendship. Not looking to leave my situation or disturb yours, but I wouldn't mind making a real connection with the right woman and making some sparks together. **[illegible]**, 42 #108?12

OPEN TO ANYTHING
I am new to the online scene but am very openminded and love to try all sorts of new things. Let me know what you want; we can have some fun. Teach me and I will learn. I have a 5'9", toned build. I work at a ... and have a lot of stamina. Hit me up if interested. **[illegible]**, ?? ☐ #109112

EXPLORATORY, ADVENTUROUS, KINKY MUSICIAN MAN
Where is the woman who can fulfill my wildest fantasies. I've been searching with no luck. I am down to earth and funny and looking for an NSA encounter with a woman who is willing to explore her and my deepest fantasies, from blindfolds to strap-ons, massages to fisting. I hope to hear from you and see what happens. **[illegible]**, F?, ☐ #1??983

GOOD, CLEAN FUN!
I have never done this in my life. Looking for something more than my boring life. Email and we can chat more. **[illegible]**, 43 #108671

OTHERS seeking

M/F COUPLE SEEK F TO PLAY
Discreet, young, clean, committed couple seeking clean younger (22-35), discreet, of woman to play etc. with intention to play/threesome. Intelligent, liberal, shy and little tipsy new to this. No mind games, no strings, no complications. **[illegible]**, 28 ☐ #109?15

KINKY GIRLS WANTED
MFC: 5'6" W for fun. She's 24, petite, he's F?, average build. Just looking for a woman to play with with us. **[illegible]**, 24, ☐ #1062?5

TWO LOOKING FOR ONE
My girlfriend and I are looking for a welcome-home present for ourselves when she gets back from college. We are going to have a lot of extra energy (from not seeing each other for a little while) and need someone who can help. **[illegible]**, F? ☐ #109247

SEXY BURLINGTON COUPLE SEEKS THIRD!
We are looking for a third to join us for a pressure- and expectation-free time. We're not into anything much more taboo than getting fuzzy. Wild online. If you are an honest, nice, bright girl looking to meet a couple for drinks maybe more, send us an email. Both of us are clean and safe. **[illegible]**, F? #1??240

STEAMY CENTRAL VERMONT COUPLE
Sexy young couple looking for a sexy female, or possibly a couple to join in the bedroom for an occasional encounter. We need to have a good laugh and a good little of wine while getting comfortable. We're fun, interesting, smooth ones who enjoy letting loose sometimes with some sexy fun. Discreet and respectful is a must. **[illegible]**, F? ☐ #108?15

HORNY FOR
Hi! We are a young kinky couple looking for a woman or couple to share an intimate experience. We are a 26-year-old, voluptuous, free-spirited woman and a 27-year-old athletic man who is fully charged at any moment. We are always up for photo exchange and chat. **[illegible]**, F? #1??13?

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mistress maeve

YOUR GUIDE TO LOVE + LUST

Dear Mistress Maeve,

My husband and I just had a baby boy two months ago. Everything is great, except I'm having a bit of tension with my family and could use some advice.

My husband is Brazilian and uncircumcised, and we decided not to circumcise our son. When my family found out, my two brothers (who are circumcised) started giving me a hard time about it. They say that uncircumcised penises are harder to keep clean and can cause problems. Also, they say that other kids will make fun of our son later in life. Even more infuriating, they refer to my son's penis as his "little turkey baster."

I'm comfortable with our decision, but I don't want to make life more difficult for my son.

Fore-ward Thinker

Dear Fore-ward,

Congratulations on your new arrival! It's unfortunate that your brothers have cast a shadow over this otherwise happy time. They may think they have legitimate concerns about your son's foreskin, but they are mistaken. Furthermore, you should not have to tolerate their taunting remarks. Let your brothers know that you've considered their concerns, but you and your husband are happy with your choice. Ask them to kindly keep their thoughts to themselves in the future. If they persist, you may have to consider how long you're willing to subject yourself to their jibes.

Your son and his foreskin are going to be just fine. Cut or uncut, men need to wash their members. For uncut men, a thorough cleaning includes retracting the foreskin and washing underneath. Humans have lots of cracks and crevices to keep clean — what's one more? Plus, your son will learn from his father — whose body will resemble his own — how to groom for proper hygiene.

Where no religious traditions are concerned, more and more parents are choosing not to circumcise their sons, hence your son will most likely be in plenty of company and won't experience this folded foreskin ridicule.

You might point out to your brothers that the only people currently mocking your son are his uncles.

Fore sure,

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need advice?

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PERSONALS i spy...

SWIMMIN' HOLE GODDESS
To the beautiful, stunning, unforgettable dark-haired goddess frolicking in Stowe's favorite pool-e pool, afternoon of April 13. Her single dad with three of my own. We chatted a bit, but I could not muster the courage to ask you this while splashing around. Are you single? Care to take a dip with me? p.s. I was the Spider Man towel. **When: Sunday, April 13, 2008. Where: The Swimming Hole, Stowe. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903514**

INK, COUNTER 4/8, APRIL 8!
You helped me with my motorcycle plate. I would love the chance to meet. I can't get you out of my mind. Help me again! **When: Thursday, April 10, 2008. Where: Montpelier. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903495**

PARK STREET CAFE
To the strong man with the killer smile. I see that the chair to your left is vacant. Mind if I come and stay for a while? **When: Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Where: Park Street Cafe. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903488**

MISS COOPER, WHITE SUNGLASSES
Our time together was way too short. I never imagined things would play out the way they did. You have left an impression I will never forget. You captured my heart and the ring. We would love to see you again. Please don't disappear. Can we get together, grab some drinks and make the [illegible] we talked about. **When: Monday, April 14, 2008. Where: the past 3 weeks, Locust, Essex Jct., I-89. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903482**

MY SWEET THING SARAH
Been a long time since I last saw you at Hunger Mountain Co-op. Hope all is well with you. Just wanted to say hello. Still thinking of you. **When: Thursday, February 7, 2008. Where: Hunger Mtn. Co-op Kitchen. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903481**

KISSING IN THE RAIN
Rain softly falling all around us, arms tightly embracing. Your eyes seeing my soul, weaving a spell. Smelling your essence. It lingers in my thoughts. Tasting sweet softness from your lips and entwined passion of your body. So close. 2 hours isn't enough! I hear your breath and your heart beating fast. The world around us stopped as I still melt thinking about it, Tammy. **When: Friday, April 11, 2008. Where: Intervale. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903480**

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW
Lauren, you still have beautiful eyes and a smile to watch. I'm usually so confident, but beauty like yours just takes my breath away. Maybe some day we can go get coffee or a few drinks after we finish. Here's to secretly being so attracted to you it hurts. **When: Saturday, April 12, 2008. Where: Applebee's, U-Mall. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903400**

CUTE OLIVE GARDEN WAITRESS
I was with a big group waiting at the bar for our table to be ready. You were bringing take-out orders to the waiting area near the bar. We looked at each other several times. Wish I'd said hello. Let me know if you would like to get a drink sometime. **When: Friday, April 11, 2008. Where: Olive Garden. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903495**

HOT BABE IN SCRUBS
Looking good, hot beauties at FAHC. You, athletic and slim, hiding it all under green scrubs. We had eye contact and chatted before you "put me under" your spell. How about sipping a nice Petite Syrah sometime or Margaritas on some faraway Mexican beach? **When: Thursday, April 10, 2008. Where: Hospital. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903484**

IMPOSSIBLY GOOD-LOOKING
Stopped into Bangkok Bistro to grab a quick bite at the bar. When you walked in and sat with your friend at the bar, I found myself lingering so I could enjoy the view. You are beautiful, short black hair, brown eyes (I think) and a dazzling smile. Me: tall, long dark hair and brown eyes. Single? Interested? **When: Thursday, April 10, 2008. Where: Bangkok Bistro. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903483**

BLUE AHIM GIRL IN COLCHESTER
My truck was thirsty as we talked. I was hoping you would take me for a ride with the sunroof open, but you left me smiling instead. Care to reconsider? I'd love to go! **When: Saturday, April 5, 2008. Where: Maplefields, 8:30 p.m. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903482**

SEXY CHICA WITH A HAT
To the girl who always wears cute hats, knits at lunch, and always reads the I Spy ads (but has never been spied). HAPPY BIRTHDAY from your short southern [illegible]. **When: Friday, April 26, 2008. Where: Shelburne Museum. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903498**

A NEAR ROAD RAGE INCIDENT
The guy ahead stopped traffic, braked up suddenly, you blew your horn, we exchanged stares and laughed. You are a GREAT smile! Thanks for sharing it and brightening my morning. **When: Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Where: Exit 88. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903490**

BEAUTIES AND BEASTS
Just another note to let y'all know what an AWESOME job it was to work with a fine cast, crew and a pit full of musicians. Thanks for making my 1st Lyric production so memorable. **When: Friday, April 11, 2008. Where: Lyric Theatre. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903501**

WOMAN SHOPPING AT ADVANCE AUTO
You were the petite woman in tan pants wearing a green baseball cap, shopping on the afternoon of Saturday, April 5. I think you bought wiper blades? I held the door open for you when we entered and we then traded smiles twice. Maybe a third will be the charm. **When: Saturday, April 5, 2008. Where: Advance Auto Parts. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903497**

SEXY, CURLY HAIR AT BRUEGGER'S
April 9 at 8 a.m. at Bruegger's on the 3rd floor loft. You are gorgeous. I couldn't stop looking at you, beautiful curly hair. What's with the black headband you put on? It was kind of cute. We're probably not playing on the same team. Hopefully, though, I hope you enjoyed that tea. **When: Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Where: Bruegger's on Church Street. You: Man. Me: Man. #903500**

AM I SCRUFFY LOOKIN'?
I'm a scruffy 30-something with glasses who was waiting in line at City Market, but I'm not sure if I'm the one you saw. I was wearing a black coat and jeans. I vaguely remember seeing someone that fits your description. If it was (or wasn't) me, I'd be interested in finding out if we have anything in common. **When: Saturday, April 5, 2008. Where: City Market. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903594**

HANDSOME GUY AT HANNAFORD'S
Thursday night, April 10 at 9 p.m. at the Hannaford's in the New North End. You were a super nice guy with beautiful brown eyes. We made eye contact in the produce section and later talked as we shopped for the same things. I can't stop thinking about you. I'd really like to grab a coffee with you. Please do it for me back. **When: Thursday, April 10, 2008. Where: Hannaford's, New North End. You: Man. Me: Man. #903503**

NAKED TRUTH
I spied a mysterious man with an intense gaze. I stole a glance at you as I dared. No matter where I looked, you were the only thing I saw in the bar room that night. I had wanted to spy you before but I wasn't sure how you would react. Now I can't wait to see how you respond. **When: Monday, April 7, 2008. Where: The Monkey House. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903502**

JUST ANOTHER DAY
To the man who always wears at [illegible], has the most embarrassing dance moves, believes he can win any bet, cooks the best lunch and has never been spied. Happy Birthday! **When: Saturday, April 12, 2008. Where: waterfront. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903508**

INCREDIBLY ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE MUSICALL, APRIL 8
I apologize for staring, but you were with someone and I couldn't tell if you were on a date. You clearly busted me checking you out (you smiled me out on it), but you were quite simply amazing. **When: Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Where: Musicall Wildstar. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903503**

WHERE ECO BIKE GO?
I've seen you a few times at the UVM gym getting sweaty, and at Red Square and RJ's. I've wanted to approach you. You're always occupied. Do you like to stop on time. You're quite the popular man :). I'm wondering if you don't have a special someone. Can I steal some of your time, just for fun and games? Grab a drink sometime, on me. **When: Friday, April 4, 2008. Where: UVM and downtown. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903566**

SHAW'S SHELBURNE RD. CHECKOUT LINE
With a 6-pack of Harpoon Irish red ale in one hand and a bag of goopy chow in the other you mentioned to the cashier that you accidentally mashed your [illegible] the night before so you didn't know if it was going to work. My ring on your finger, but nonetheless attached. **When: Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Where: Shaw's, Shelburne Rd. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903505**

TALL, BEAUTIFUL BLOND AT LIBBY'S
I was on my way out, you were entering with so-so [illegible]. As you were waiting for a table, we exchanged 1, 2, 3 separate glances (and smiles). You: blond and jacket, about 5'9" and breathtaking. You had mentioned having a massage just that morning. Me: green jacket, yellow hat and spem [illegible] :) I hope we can meet at the "Blue Bird" diner again? **When: Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Where: Libby's Diner. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903504**

ADAM AT STARBUCKS
Thought I saw you again on Monday, driving down Shelburne Road. I had just left my interview and was on my way home. I didn't wave cuz I wasn't sure it was you. You were very friendly and despite the strange "dislike of tritones and whipped cream" conversation, it was great to meet you :) **When: Saturday, April 5, 2008. Where: Starbucks. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903508**

RED T-BIRD AT MADONNA NORTH
It was a beautiful spring day as I pulled past your shiny T-bird to the next pump. I was on a motorcycle and after I removed my helmet I looked at you and said: "It's a great day for toys." You said: "It's not warm enough to get the top down." Remember it's never the weather, it's about clothing choices. **When: Monday, April 7, 2008. Where: Madonna North. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903582**

WHO'RE YOU CALLIN' SCRUFFY LOOKIN'?
You: cute, scruffy 30-something with glasses waiting in line at nine at the "10 Items or less" register at City Market before relocating to register 1. I don't think you noticed me, but I was the brunette with the military [illegible] jacket and backpack. I'd love to find out if we have anything in common :) **When: Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Where: City Market. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903583**

80S NIGHT APRIL 5 METRONOME
I was out for the first time in years. You rocked my world. I totally should have acted on it but I'm shy. Show me more. You have my number now. Single. Isn't where you and I should be. I want hear more about your travels. You haven't been here long but I'll help acclimate you. **When: Saturday, April 5, 2008. Where: Metronome. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903500**

DOCTORS, DAMES AND A BARISTA
For cute, dark, curly-haired doctor among the silver-spoony UVM group, during a coffee at the Shelburne Starbucks. Me: on the other side of the counter unable to make eye contact. Don't get the wrong idea. It's always a pleasure to make your drink. See you around. **When: Monday, March 31, 2008. Where: Starbucks, Shelburne Road. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903550**

SIERRA NEVADA, 6 P.M.
I'd like to remember when you sitting closest to the door. I am flattered by your post. It made me laugh. Maybe come down sometime and [illegible] another this time during a game. **When: Saturday, March 8, 2008. Where: The Square, Mulberry the 4th (?). You: Man. Me: Woman. #903570**

SPARKS
Every time I run into you I see your eyes sparkle and that beautiful smile. It lights up my day. I hope we run into each other some more over the next few weeks. Who knows, maybe we'll spend the summer together! I hope you haven't forgotten who I am because I could never forget you. Find me in VT or CT. Princess. **When: Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Where: Red Square, Church St. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903525**

MISCHARITY
Lets see. I saw her first in a French class about a year and a half ago. She stopped me in my tracks with her beautiful smile. I've quickly fallen for her and will follow her to the ends of the earth if need be. I love you angel! **When: Thursday, April 10, 2008. Where: Where I needed her most. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903570**

YOU GO, GIRLS!
Saw these drag queens out on Church Street (and at Red Square and Rira's). Looked like they were having fun. I'm sure looked like a lot of guys (with girlfriends on their arms) enjoyed the attention these "girls" gave them. Gotta love Burlington. **When: Saturday, April 5, 2008. Where: Church Street. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903564**

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CAT FROM STOWE
I spy a hottie Aussie hitching a ride to the mountain on Monday, April 7. After dropping you off I realized instead of saying "Have a nice day!" I should have said, "Let's take some runs and tailgate." Next round's on me. **When: Monday, April 7, 2008. Where: Mountain Road, Stowe. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903849**

NEW WORLD ADMIRER
I stopped in on Monday in the afternoon. I ordered a [illegible] with hot pecan [illegible] I wish I could've asked you [illegible] **When: Monday, April 7, 2008. Where: New World Tortilla. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903811**

CITY MARKET BEAUTY
You: gorgeous, wavy chocolate curls, sophisticated and sexy glasses with the most amazing drop-dead smile I've ever seen. You were with a friend who called you "Mama" (?) I tried but never made eye contact. You were busy showing your friend the new Concannon red you love. Would love to have a drink with you. Did I see a ring? **When: Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Where: City Market. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903830**

LEPRECHAUN
To the Leprechaun I met at City Ma[rket] last and then two nights later at Red Square. I'm sorry I probably didn't handle that well. He's a friend and sometime lover who is very kind when I am sad. I didn't know what to say. **When: Saturday, April 5, 2008. Where: City Market & Red Square. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903836**

THERE'S A WAR GOING ON
At the Wyclef show you stole my mental phone from the bleachers. What am I ever going to do without it? She, I had a lot of fun with you. I can't wait for the summer to begin. Maybe we can be under a kitchen table sometime. **When: Friday, April 4, 2008. Where: St. Mike's. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903840**

K-MART, SUNDAY, APRIL 6
We shared a few looks at each other as I was standing by the customer service desk waiting for help. You were checking out with a bottle of spray paint or something similar. I was wearing a pink shirt with a pair of apple bottoms. Single? Interested in a drink or convo? **When: Sunday, April 6, 2008. Where: K-mart. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903847**

DANCING BEAUTY
The dance floor came alive because I was dancing next to you all night. The sparks were flying on my side, what about on yours? Let's meet for another dance ... or two. **When: Saturday, April 5, 2008. Where: Charlie O's. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903846**

IS THERE STILL ANY MAGIC?
I know you like the I Spy section so I wanted to post this. We met in person on the bus. After talking to you I felt really connected with you. We shared some magical moments and some not so magical moments. I have been thinking about you and the time we spent together. Is there any magic left? Let's talk. **When: Monday, December 3, 2007. Where: Subway to Montpelier. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903843**

SHARKBITES FOR MY BIRTHDAY?
Thanks for always being there, answering the phone, and letting me into your (dirty) bed at 3 a.m. You always say I'm beautiful but I never tell you how beautiful I think you are with or without your lip piercings. Elevatorshoe. **When: Monday, January 15, 2008. Where: the bus stop. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903844**

GOODBYE AGAIN, MY MIMOSA QUEEN
I wish I could have been the one for you. Cheers to so many things stirred up. **When: Monday, March 31, 2008. Where: East Shore. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903834**

PLEASE PRICE-CHECK ME
It was in March at Price Chopper on Shelburne Road. You: around 20, skinny, hot, blond. Your price-checking and charging style? We caught each other's eye and exchanged smiles. It seemed like we were following one another but not true just destiny. Your smile fit like a glove to my hand. I'm Rick. What's your name? Join me for a hot date. **When: Friday, March 14, 2008. Where: Price Choppers, Shelburne Rd. You: Man. Me: Man. #903842**

MONTPELIER LIQUOR STORE
I came this close to writing my number on my card's card slip but I only assumed I'd look like a fool after the conversation. Even if you have a lucky significant other thanks for the big smile and the familiarity of your contact. It got to be your joke sure felt nice in an otherwise bad week. **When: Friday, April 4, 2008. Where: Montpelier. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903801**

HOT OFF THE GRILL 2
Maybe you didn't see my first post. You took my breath away again. This time I was in the bar watching basketball. You walked in and chatted with some people at the bar. You looked over your shoulder and we made eye contact again. You hesitated for a time. I am sure you saw me. Get back at me. **When: Thursday, April 3, 2008. Where: Ground Round. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903850**

WERE YOU REALLY FOLLOWING ME?
After crossing paths several times in the store, we chatted briefly outside in the snow. We talked about who was following whom, looked at the sky and you said "Happy Spring." You: shoulder length blond hair, blue eyes, a wonderful, enigmatic smile. Me: dark green parka and bright green knitted hat. If you're single, would you like to meet for coffee? **When: Friday, April 4, 2008. Where: Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903830**

SECOND NIGHT DISCO BISCUITS RIGHT UPFRONT
You: pretty Asian girl dancing front and center during second set. Me: tired, glasses and a smile. I saw you from the balcony up top. Came down, didn't see you again till encore. We should see more live music. **When: Thursday, April 3, 2008. Where: Higher Ground Ballroom. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903811**

FRIENDS OF TAJ
To all who knew my Mister all who scratched his butt and rubbed his belly, gave him treats and toys, played fetch, tug-o-war, wrestled with him, were babysat, worried a little, and loved him to ALL his friends two- and four-legged. From the bottom of my grieving heart, thank you. **When: Wednesday, March 26, 2008. Where: from coast to coast. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903833**

VW DRIVER FOR STOWE
We have met twice at Togs Etc. I think you have a great smile and nice eyes. I would really like to know you better. Interested? **When: Thursday, April 3, 2008. Where: Togs Etc., Stowe. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903834**

TOP OF CHURCH STREET, APRIL 2
You were walking past the church and I was crossing Pearl St. on my bike around 1 p.m. You have [illegible] a black hat and a great smile. We made eye contact and I rode off because I was too struck to say anything. I would love to take you out to grab a bite sometime. **When: Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Where: top of Church Street. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903833**

GOODBYE AGAIN, MY MIMOSA QUEEN
I wish I could have been the one for you. Cheers to so many things stirred up. **When: Monday, March 31, 2008. Where: East Shore. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903834**

I MISS MY CUTE WAITER
We came back to Zen Gardens looking for you, but you were nowhere to be found. I and my roommate would have loved to show you things no other women ever has. We'll be back looking for you, Josh, so we can drag you into the bathroom and show you what real women are. **When: Monday, March 24, 2008. Where: Zen Gardens, waiting on us. You: Man. Me: Man. #903831**

APPLEBEE'S UNIVERSITY MALL
New guy: you're the most beautiful smile he's ever seen. And I'm single now. Here's to even more awkward moments: cheap customers and staring into your eyes. **When: Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Where: work. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903850**

SNUGGS, MADONNA CHAIR, APRIL 3
Greg, we rode the chair twice. You asked me to meet you for a beer. I said yes but then had to go. How about I buy you a beer? **When: Thursday, April 3, 2008. Where: Snuggs. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903840**

RAD STUDENT
So I'm a complete idiot when it comes to men, especially when it comes to you. I'm trying to let things just go with the flow. All I know is what I feel, and that is I really, truly and honestly care about you so much that my heart feels as though it could jump out of my chest. The boyrene game for spring break and summer. Can we try one out? **When: Saturday, March 16, 2008. Where: [illegible]. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903845**

BREATHLESS BOY AT WATERMAN
Am I the redhead you spied? You'll either have to be more descriptive, or gather up what breath you have to offer me in person that cup of joe. **When: Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Where: Waterman. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903547**

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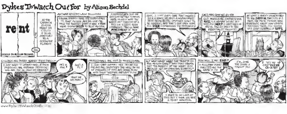
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OBAMA DOESN'T HAVE THE EXPERIENCE TO BEAT McCAIN. AND BELIEVE ME, ONCE THE REPUBS START A WAR, WE'RE GONNA NEED TO BEAT McCAIN.
HATE HILLARY WITH THE WHITE-HOT PASSION OF A THOUSAND RUSH LIMBAUGHS. SHE'LL MAKE MINCEMEAT OF HIM.
LOOK, I DON'T EVEN CARE THAT HILLARY'S SUCH A HAWK. WE NEED A WOMAN PRES. BE LEADERS. AND THAT'S OUR ONLY HOPE FOR EVER DISMANTLING THE PATRIARCHY.
EGOS ARE GETTING BRUISED.
CONDOLEEZZA RICE IS A WOMAN. WOULD YOU VOTE FOR HER? I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'VE FALLEN PREY TO THE ESSENTIALIST FALLACY.
AT LEAST I HAVEN'T FALLEN PREY TO THE SAVIOR FANTASY. IF I HEAR ONE MORE PERSON WAX RHAPSODIC ABOUT HOW OBAMA INSPIRES THEM, I'LL GO UP A GIANT OF HOPE.
CHILDREN ARE TURNED AGAINST THEIR PARENTS.
I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND. IF THEIR POSITIONS ARE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL, WHY ARE YOU SO SOLD ON OBAMA?
HE'S A MAC!
SHE'S A PC!
NEED WE SAY MORE?
PROFESSIONALS ARE NOT SO PROFESSIONAL.
I JUST CAN'T SUPPORT HER. NOT AFTER SHE AND BILL SACRIFICED THE WELL-BEING OF MILLIONS OF KIDS AND SINGLE MOMS WITH THEIR WELFARE REFORM PLAN.
BUT WHAT ABOUT WHAT SHE TRIED TO DO FOR HEALTH CARE? WHY DOES OBAMA GET THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT JUST BECAUSE HE'S AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY?
I NEED TO GO LOOK AT THIS BUT I THINK YOU HAVE A YEAST INFECTION.
HOW WILL IT ALL END?
IT'S ALL THE SAME TO ME
THE SONG I TAUGHT YOU
YES WE CAN! YES WE CA-A-N!

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classes

animals

DOG OBEDIENCE/AGILITY CLASSES: Cost: $12?/7 one-hour class es. Location: The Crate Escape, Ten, 48 Heath Drive, South Burlington. Info: The Crate Escape, Tom, 802-888-3047, crateescape tom@gmavt.net, crateescapevt.com. *Companion Dog 1: Thursdays, April 24 - June 12 (no class May 22), 6:45-7:45 p.m. A group class with no required age limit covering sit/stay, down/stay, controlled leash walking, and reliable recall. Beginner's II Agility: Saturdays, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31 and 6/28, 10-11:30 a.m. A variety of training techniques used to achieve proficiency on obstacles at full height.*

business

INTUITIVE INVESTING: May 3-4, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $190/incl. course materials, lunches & snacks. Location: TBD, call for location. Info: Pam, 802-244-7909. *Most people live life, and invest their money, using half their brainpower. Bring at least six specific questions about which you want guidance to this weekend workshop that teaches you reliable techniques to harness the limitless wisdom of your intuitive mind. Led by Dr. Pam Montana, teacher, author and intuitive investor.*

childbirth

CVMC BIRTHING CTR. OPEN HOUSE: First Wed. of every month, 6:30-7 p.m. Location: Central Vermont Medical Center, 130 Fisher Rd., Berlin. Info: Central Vermont Medical Center, 802-371-4613, www.centralvermontwellbeing.org. *It's a mom's choice: birthing the way you told us you want it. Learn more about our full range of services, meet staff members and tour our new Garden Path Birthing Center. Friends and family welcome. Registration is required.*

POSTNATAL YOGA: Cost: $17/class. Location: Central Vermont Medical Center, 130 Fisher Rd., Berlin. Info: Central Vermont Medical Center, 802-225-5440, www.centralvermontwellbeing.org. *Restore and nourish your whole postpartum body by gentle yoga. Gentle poses, breathing exercises, restorative postures will help feed your whole self. Also, connect with other postpartum women and babies (precrawlers). Come when you are ready. Please call to preregister. Saturdays, 10:45 a.m.-11:45 p.m.*

clay

INTRODUCTION TO THROWING: Apr. 16 - June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. weekly on Wednesday. Cost: $245/members, $277/nonmembers. Materials & firing $50. Location: Shelburne Art Center, 64 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Info: Shelburne Art Center, 802-985-3648, www.shelburneartcenter.org. *Master the essentials of working with clay on the potter's wheel. Create interesting and pleasing forms as you improve your skills. Students will create many pieces of functional pottery for daily use. See complete listing of clay classes and workshops online.*

MIXED-LEVEL HANDBUILDING: Apr. 19 - May 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. weekly on Saturdays. 5-week class. Location: Shelburne Art Center, 64 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Info: Shelburne Art Center, 802-985-3648, www.shelburneartcenter.org. *Think outside the round. From coils to extruders, handbuilding with clay can bring your inspiration to life. Expand your skills while exploring a variety of techniques, tools and firing options. Members $100, nonmembers $110, materials and firing $30. See complete listing of clay classes and workshops online.*

craft

MAKE IT TAKE IT CLASSES: Location: 87 Pumpkin Harbor Rd., Cambridge. Info: Martha Kinney, 802-644-2422. *Classes in wall stenciling, polymer clay, sterling theorems, glass etching and cut/pierce lampshades. Two-day classes on painted floorcloths or primitive landscapes. Six-week classes in beginner/intermediate tole painting.*

dance

AFRO CARIBBEAN DANCE: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., noon, Montpelier; Fridays, 5:30-7 p.m., Burlington. Cost: $11/class. Location: Capital City Grange, Montpelier; Memorial Auditorium Loft, Burlington. Info: Carla Kevorkian, 802-985-3665. *Dance to the rhythm of Cuban and Haitian music. Live drumming led by Stuart Paton. Monthly master classes with visiting instructors. Beginners welcome!*

BALLROOM DANCING: Mondays and Thursdays in Burlington, Tuesday and Sunday in Shelburne. Cost: $50/4 weeks (per person). Location: The Champlain Club, 20 Crowley Street; Shelburne Town Hall, 5420 Shelburne Road, Burlington and Shelburne. Info: First Step Dance, Kevin Laddison, 802-598-6757, www.FirstStepDance.com. *Level 1 classes for beginners, Level II and above for experienced dancers. We host dances (with lessons) on the second and fourth Friday of each month. No experience is necessary, just an interest in learning to dance. Come alone, or come with friends, but come out and learn to dance!*

DANCE STUDIO SALSALINA: Cost: $12/class. Location: 266 Pine St., Burlington. Info: Victoria, 802-598-1077, info@salsalina.com. *Salsa classes: Nightclub-style one-on-one, group and private, four levels. Beginner walk-in classes, Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Argentinean Tango class and social, Fridays, 7:30 p.m., walk-ins welcome. No dance experience, partner or pre-registration required, just the desire to have fun. Drop in any time and prepare for an enjoyable workout.*

design/build

YESTERMORROW DESIGN/BUILD SCHOOL: Cost: $330/2-day classes; $750 and up for 1-2-week classes. Price breaks and gift certificates avail. Location: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, Rt. 100 (just 45 min. from Burlington), Warren. Info: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, celebrating our 28th year! All courses are small, intensive and hands-on. Scholarships available. 802-496-5545, designbuild@yestermorrow.org, www.yestermorrow.org. *SKIN ON FRAME BOATS: April 18-20. Acquire the basic skills and knowledge to build an ultra-light, double paddle canoe. $300. BIOFUELS: May 2-4. Topics covered: transportation, home heating and electrical generation. Biodiesel use, WVO, methane, and locating/growing fuel sources. $300. DECORATIVE PAINTS & PLASTER FINISHES: May 17-18. $300.*

drumming

BURLINGTON TAIKO CLASSES: Cost: $53/Adult Beginner Class. Location: Taiko Space, 208 Flynn Ave., Burlington. Info: Burlington Taiko, 802-864-0468, classes@burlingtontaiko.org, www.burlingtontaiko.com. *Beginning class on Tuesdays: Kids, 4:30-5:20 p.m., $40/5 weeks. Adults, 5:30-6:20 p.m., $53/6 weeks. Sessions begin 5/13, 6/24, 8/9. Gift certificates are available. For a full schedule of classes or more info go online or email.*

RICHMOND TAIKO CLASSES: Classes meet Thursday evenings. Cost: $5. Location: Richmond Free Library Community Room, Downtown Richmond. Info: 802-434-2624, classes@burlingtontaiko.org. *Paid pre-registration is due 1 week before the session start dates and there is a 10-person minimum for each class. Pre-registrants will receive 5% off their session fee (the first price shown below). Gift certificates are available! For a full schedule of classes or more info go to website. Kids Class (Beginners) 5:30-6:50 p.m., $45/$50/5-weeks. Adult Class (Beginners) 7:00-7:50 p.m., $41/$46/6-weeks. Sessions begin 5/15, 6/26, 8/11.*

WATERBURY SUMMER DRUMMING CAMP: Mon.-Fri., June 23-27, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Classes will meet for 1 hour each. Start times vary depending on age. Location: Thatcher Brook Primary School music room, Waterbury. Info: 802-558-0458, talkofup@yahoo.com, www.burlingtontaiko.com. *Start your summer off with a bang. Taiko (Japanese drumming) and djembe (West African drumming) camp for kids entering 1st grade and up and adults of any age. Kids Taiko $50, Kids djembe $50, Adult Taiko $65, Adult djembe $75. Gift certificates available!*

empowerment

PROGOFF INTENSIVE JOURNAL: Apr. 26-27, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $215/two-day workshop tuition including lunches & snacks. Location: Mabry Youth Endurance Center, 20 Rock Pt. Circle, Burlington. Info: Dialogue House Associates, 800-335-9428, www.intensivejournal.org. *Discover inner strength for dealing with difficult decisions, fractured relationships, psychological wounds and illnesses. A writing workshop that requires no writing skills. A comprehensive program for psychological and spiritual growth. Individual privacy is respected, no need to share what is written. Especially helpful for those in transition or suffering loss. A silent, meditative atmosphere is provided for accessing one's creative powers of healing and growth.*

SACRED STORIES, SACRED THEATRE: Apr. 21 - May 12. Cost: $175/2-hour class. Meets Mondays. Location: North End Studios, 294 North Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: Real Expressions, Jen Kristal, 802-860-6203. *It is spring, a time of renewal. Come find renewal within our own stories. Participants will be able to share personal stories, dreams and memories and find connection and strength through healing theatre methods, journaling and drawing. We will explore our own stories in a safe, fun and meaningful manner.*

fiber & surface design

BOOKMAKING: SCULPTURAL BOOKS: May 3, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1-day workshop. Location: Shelburne Art Center, 64 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Info: Shelburne Art Center, 802-985-3648, www.shelburneartcenter.org. *Explore the exciting blend of book and sculpture. Students will create surface-treated papers and then use them to create books with pages that unfold, extend, flip and rotate. The structures that will be explored include star, accordion, flag and circle books. No experience necessary. Members $85, nonmembers $95, materials $10.*

fine arts

DYNAMIC PORTRAITURE WITH OILS: May 15 - June 5, 6-8 p.m. weekly on Thursdays, 4 weeks. Location: Shelburne Art Center, 64 Falls Road, Shelburne. Info: Shelburne Art Center, 802-985-3648, www.shelburneartcenter.org. *Using principles of layered color (transparent and opaque), achieve both subtle as well as dramatic lighting effects in your portraits. We will explore ways to suggest an emotional character and to enliven your subjects with colorful surface contrasts. For beginning or more experienced painters. Members $125, nonmembers $140, materials list.*

fitness

BIGGEST LOSER COMPETITION: May 5 - June 5. Cost: $72/once a week, $120/twice a week. Must register by Apr. 30. Location: Sports & Fitness Edge, 110 Wellness Drive, Williston. Info: Sports & Fitness Edge, Maheeya Doss, 802-860-3343, mdoss@sfedge.com, www.sfedge.com. *Each week includes weigh-in, exercise class and online nutritional tracking at www.peakwellness.com. Be the biggest loser and win a big prize. If you don't like your new body we'll give you your old one back.*

BOOT CAMP FOR WOMEN: Cost: $265/4 weeks of classes, 4 sessions per week. Location: Shelburne Health & Fitness, Route 7, Shelburne. Info: Beyond Expectations Coaching, Patricia Kent, 802-317-2370, amerladetout@aol.com, www.beyondexpectationscoaching.com. *Are you ready to change your body? Boot camp is a fun, fast-moving way to get fit, lose weight and improve endurance and strength while you make new friends. All levels welcome. Nutrition seminar included along with a success journal. Come have fun with us and get ready for summer.*

WALK OR RUN WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN: May 7 - Jul. 23, 5:45-6:45 p.m. weekly on Wednesday. Cost: $50/12 weeks. Location: Williston Community Park, 150 Central School Drive, Williston. Info: Michele Morris, 802-793-9628, michelejmorris@comcast.net, www.sfedge.com. *FIRST STRIDES, a proven fun program, uses encouragement and training to improve the fitness, confidence and support network of women of all ages and abilities. Walkers and beginning runners welcome. Registration forms available at all Sports & Fitness Edge locations, Women's Source for Sports or www.sfedge.com. Registration closes May 14.*

healing

BECOMING A SPLENDID BRIDGE: Apr. 24 - May 15, 7-9 p.m. Cost: $120/2-hour class. Location: Office of Michael Watson, 130 Church Street, Burlington. Info: Michael Watson, 802-497-0201. *The elders say that doing "different" often allows one to become a bridge over challenging times, guiding others into a better future. In this 4-week class participants will use creative journaling, ritual and guided imagination to explore the hidden potential of difference.*

BODY COSMOLOGY: May 10, 11, May 31, June 1, 28-29, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $225/per weekend. Location: The Willing Stable, Huntington. Info: Josephine Spilka, 802-223-1788, spiritofhealth@verizon.net, www.spiritofhealth.org. *What is health? What is healing? What is your body trying to tell you? To answer to these questions, Body Cosmology: The Universe within will bring together exploration of experience in your own body and the dynamic language of Classical Chinese Medicine. Offering meditation practice, rituals and exercises to awaken your own knowing and enhance communication and expression of your understanding. This course will leave you with fresh insight and tools for relating to your own precious human body and the health and bodies of other people.*

HELP FOR THE JOURNEY: Apr. 21 - May 12, 7-9 p.m. Cost: $120/4 2-hour classes. Location: Downtown office, 130 Church St., Burlington. Info: Michael Watson, 802-488-0201. *Storytelling, ritual and creative expression are fundamental tools of traditional healing. In this four-week class, participants will work with teachers to awaken the healer within themselves and one another. Leader: Michael Watson, MA. PhD, whose work arises from the healing traditions of his Native American and European heritage.*

healing arts

INTRO BRENNAN HEALING SCIENCE: May 2-4. Cost: $375/CAD, $425/CAD after deadline. Incl. lecture and 2 lunches. Location: Instant Present, 5423 St-Laurent, Montréal. Info: Barbara Hill, Rafael Berard, 514-718-5827, info@relaxationhealing.com, www.relaxationhealing.com. *Barbara Brennan Heal*

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health

STRESS BUSTERS: Sat., April 12, 2:30-4 p.m. & Sat., April 26, 1-2:30 p.m. Stay tuned for a new workshop on Sat., May 10, 1-2:30 p.m. Cost: $5/1.5-hour workshop. Location: RiverSide Chiropractic, 158 Main St. (red brick carriage house left of 158 Main St.), Montpelier. Info: RiverSide Chiropractic, Jon Ehrlich, 802-262-6007, JonEhrlich@gmail.com, www.RiverSideChiropracticVT.com. *Did you ever wonder why stress makes us sick? Ever wish that you had more tools to cope with your stress? These questions and more will be answered. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of stress busting. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one. Light refreshments served.*

herbs

BODY CLEANSING, FASTING & DETOX: Apr. 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: $15/2-hour class. Location: Purple Shutter Herbs, 7 West Canal St., Winooski. Info: Purple Shutter Herbs, 802-865-4372, www.purpleshutter.com. *Learn, with Kelley Kirkle, about the benefits and importance of internal cleansing. We'll discuss different ways to cleanse by diet change or fasting. Emphasis will be placed on proper digestion and detoxification using herbs and other remedies to support the body as it goes through the process of releasing toxins.*

LOCAL HEALERS PROGRAM: Class meets Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 27, September 3, 10, October 29. Cost: $[illegible]/VSAC non-degree grants available. Location: Mandala Botanicals, Barre. Info: Sandra Lory, 802-522-0243, mandalabotanicals@gmail.com. *A life-changing, hands-on learning experience that will empower you with seasonal, locally based herbal medicine, food and lifestyle tools. Help your community adapt to rapidly changing food, medicine, climate, energy and transportation systems. Students help create a community herbal apothecary at LACE. Includes very special field trips and guest teachers.*

SPICY DREAMS W/ ANGELA TALBOT: Apr. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: $25/2-hour class. Location: Purple Shutter Herbs, 7 West Canal St., Winooski. Info: Purple Shutter Herbs, 802-865-4372, www.purpleshutter.com. *We'll discuss dreaming through several traditional cultures, as well as herbs that can be used to aid in falling asleep, encourage lucid dreaming, and help you remember your dreams. Everyone will create a traditional dreamcatcher herbal dream pillow and embellished dream journal, and ideas and recipes for dreamers.*

WISDOM OF THE HERBS SCHOOL: Currently accepting applications for Wisdom of the Herbs 2008, Eight Month Certification Program beginning mid-April and running through November. Cost: $1750. Location: Wisdom of the Herbs School, South Woodbury. Info: Annie McCleary, Director, 802-456-8122, annie@wisdomoftheherbsschool.com, www.WisdomOfTheHerbsSchool.com. *Learn local plants as edibles and medicinals, plant spirit communication, home remedies and fire cooking with bow drill. Spring Wildflower Herb Walk, Tuesday, April 29, 5:30-7 p.m., $15. Wild Edible Food Workshop, Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. $80. Pre-register when requested. $20 non-refundable deposit holds your place.*

martial arts

AIKIDO OF CHAMPLAIN VALLEY: Open house and demonstration Saturday, May 31 at 11 a.m. Location: Aikido of Champlain Valley, 257 Pine Street, Burlington. Info: 802-951-8900, aikidovt.org. *This traditional Japanese martial art emphasizes circular, flowing movements, and joint-locking and throwing techniques. Visitors are always welcome. Gift certificates are available. Classes are taught by Benjamin Pincus Sensei, 5th-degree black belt and Vermont's only fully certified (shidoin) Aikido instructor.*

MARTIAL WAY SELF DEFENSE CTR.: Introductory Class. Location: five minutes off I-89 at Exit 17, Colchester. Info: 802-893-8893. *Day and evening classes for adults. Afternoon and Saturday classes for children. Group and private lessons. Kempo, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Arnis and Wing Chun Kung Fu.*

VERMONT BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU: Monday-Friday, 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. Location: Vermont Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, 55 Leroy Road, Williston. Info: 802-660-4072, www.bjjusa.com. *Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a complete martial-arts system. It enhances balance, flexibility, strength, cardio-respiratory fitness and builds personal courage and self-confidence. Vermont Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu offers Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Self-Defense classes, Boxing, Muay Thai Kickboxing and MMA for all levels. Head Instructor is 5-Time Brazilian Champion, Rio de Janeiro, certified 6th Degree Black Belt under Carlson Gracie. Classes for men, women and children. First class is free.*

massage

ASIAN BODYWORK THERAPY PROGRAM: Cost: $5000/500-hour program. Location: Elements of Healing, 62 Pearl Street, Essex Junction. Info: Elements of Healing, Scott Moylan, 802-288-8160, www.elementsofhealing.net. *This program teaches two forms of Oriental massage: Amma and Shiatsu. We will explore Oriental medicine theory, the body's meridian system, acupressure points, Yin Yang Theory and 5-Element Theory. Additionally, diagnostic methods of pulse, abdomen and tongue diagnosis are taught, giving students the tools to treat a wide range of imbalances.*

THAI YOGA BODYWORK INTRO CLASS: Sat., May 3, in Burlington. Register at touchstonehealingarts.com or 800-458-7716. Cost: $75. Location: Touchstone Healing Arts, South Burlington. Info: *Learn a series of simple and effective massage and stretching techniques to increase flexibility and ease. Whether you are considering professional training or would like to bring bodywork home to family and friends, come enjoy a relaxing and rejuvenating day. Individuals and pairs welcome. Wear comfortable clothing.*

meditation

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION DAY: Apr. 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Location: St. Paul's Cathedral, 2 Cherry Street, Burlington. Info: St. Paul's Cathedral, Kenneth Poppe, 802-864-0471, kpoppe@stpaulscathedralvt.org, www.stpaulscathedralvt.org. *The day is designed for anyone who wants to explore this ancient spiritual path as well as for people who are currently practicing Christian meditation. The program will offer teaching on Christian Meditation, a video presentation from the World Community for Christian Meditation, practice meditation sessions, discussion and information about the Cathedral Meditation Center. No charge. Bring your own lunch.*

CRYSTAL BOWLS & MEDITATION: Apr. 25, 6:30-8 p.m. Cost: $40/2.5-hour class. Location: Spirit Dancer/Star Root, 125 So. Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: Spirit Dancer/Star Root, Carol von Rohr, 802-660-8060. *Quartz Crystal Singing Bowls As Meditative Tools. In this class we will explore how singing bowls affect the body to promote and deepen meditative states and enhance the practice of toning and chant. Learn these toning techniques and how to use chant and singing bowls to balance the chakras.*

LEARN TO MEDITATE: Meditation instruction available Sunday mornings, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., or by appointment. The Shambhala Cafe meets the first Saturday of each month for meditation and discussions, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. An Open House occurs every third Wednesday evening of each month, 7-9 p.m., which includes an intro to the center, a short dharma talk and socializing. Location: Burlington Shambhala Center, 187 So. Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: 802-658-6795, www.burlingtonshambhalactr.org. *Through the practice of sitting still and following your breath as it goes out and dissolves, you are connecting with your heart. By simply letting yourself be as you are, you develop genuine sympathy toward yourself. The Burlington Shambhala Center offers meditation as a path to discovering gentleness and wisdom.*

movement

IMPROVISATION & CREATIVITY: Apr. 26, 1-5 p.m. Cost: $45/4-hr. class. Location: Shelburne Town Hall, 5420 Shelburne Road, Shelburne. Info: Burlington Shambhala Center, Andrea Lawrence, 802-878-6841, www.burlingtonshambhalactr.org. *Whether beginner or longtime movement practitioner, this workshop is designed to develop & encourage your ability to listen to, recognize & deepen your potential & skill in the art of movement & sound improvisation. Guided exercises, open dialog & an atmosphere of joy & fearlessness will bring you "home" into your body, breath & voice, a state of presence from which anything can happen. Taught by Vicki Tessey.*

nature

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS: Location: ROOTS School (Reclaiming Our Origins through Traditional Skills), East Calais. Info: ROOTS School, Fred Salan, 802-456-1253, info@RootsVT.com, RootsVT.com. *Fire by Friction, Apr. 26-27, $150. Flint Knapping I, May 10-11, $150. Bow Building, May 23-26, $450. Primitive Weapons, June 14-15, $150. Tracking and Awareness, July 10-11, $150. Advanced Tracking and Awareness Overnight, July 12-13, $175.*

parenting

NURTURING PROGRAM PARENTS/TEEN: Location: Prevent Child Abuse Vermont, Winooski. Info: Prevent Child Abuse Vermont, Jessie LaCroix, 802-229-5724, jlacroix@pcavt.org, www.pcavt.org. *Provides basic nurturing communication strategies; how to recognize each other's needs, how to understand the period of adolescence, and ways to build their own personal power, self-esteem and self-concepts.*

pilates

123 PILATES STUDIO: Location: 123 Pilates Studio, 48 Hegeman Dr., Colchester. Info: 123 Pilates, Lucille Dyer, 802-863-3369, lucille@123pilates.com, 123Pilates.com. *Exercise your brain, heart and whole body. Join Rolfer Carol Lessing. Integrative Movement and Pilates classes, in conjunction with the 123 Studio. Find core strength, coordination, memory function and continuity. Experience the difference of over 20 years teaching experience. Small classes, private sessions, professional instruction and fun!*

ABSOLUTE PILATES: New Zumba! Latin Pilates and aerobic Latin dance mix. Plus ongoing Pilates mat classes. Location: Eagle, 12 Gregory Drive, Suite One, South Burlington. Info: 802-578-2414, www.absolutepilatesvt.com. *Tone, stretch, strengthen and shape up for summer with certified classical Pilates Instructor Lynne Moreno. Sculpt a great new body in group mat classes or private lessons on reformer, Wunda chair and tower built in an attractive welcoming locale. Visit our website for pricing, class times and specials.*

PILATES SPACE: Call for current pricing. Location: Pilates Space, 208 Flynn Ave. (across from the antique shops, near Oakledge Park), Burlington. Info: 802-863-9900, www.pilatesspace.net. *Come experience our expert teachers, beautiful, light-filled studio and welcoming atmosphere. We offer Pilates, Anusara-inspired Yoga, Physical Therapy and Gyrotonic to people of all ages and levels of fitness. Free intro to Pilates Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., or call to arrange a time to fit your schedule. Pilates Method Alliance Member.*

pottery

SPRING POTTERY CLASSES: May 5-June 30, 6-8 p.m., weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Cost: $195/seven 2-hour classes. Location: River Street Potters, 141 River Street, Montpelier. Info: 802-224-7000. *Pottery classes start for all ages and skill levels starting May 5. Pick a night of the week and come and get your hands dirty.*

reflexology

200-HOUR CERTIFICATION COURSE: Intro class Saturday & Sunday, Apr. 26 & 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: $1375/full class; $250/intro class. Location: Touchstone Healing Arts, 205 Dorset St., South Burlington. Info: Touchstone Healing Arts Massage & Bodywork Education, 802-658-7715, info@touchstonehealingarts.com, www.touchstonehealingarts.com. *Come to this lively and informative Introduction to the art of Reflexology. You may well want to commit to the entire training but it's not necessary. You will leave with some great reflexology treatment skills and a wealth of knowledge about this effective modality.*

reiki

REIKI CLASS I LEVEL I: May 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: $150/4-hour class. Location: Shelburne Village, Shelburne. Info: Emily Fetton, M.A., NCTMB, 802-985-9580, emily@energyandclearvt.com, www.energyandclearvt.com. *Learn this ancient healing art that facilitates health on all levels (body, mind & spirit). Many find Reiki to be a powerful tool for personal healing and transformation as well. You will be attuned to Reiki and trained to use Reiki on yourself and others. Reiki II: 6/1.*

spirituality

DEVELOP YOUR PSYCHIC ABILITY: May 31-Jun. 1. Cost: $300/16-hour class. Location: Hampton Inn, 42 Lower Mountain View Drive, Colchester. Info: Empowering Transitions, Therese Schirbel, 844-218-1245, empoweringtransitions@aol.com, www.empoweringtransitions.com. *Empower and transition your life in 2008 with the Silva UltraMind ESP System. Learn to develop your natural psychic ability in a relaxing, supportive environment. ESP is developed through dynamic meditation, mental projection, mind training techniques and psychic exercises. Learn how to use your natural psychic ability to help change and improve your life! Connect and communicate with the Divine, spirit guides and angels. Learn how to access unlimited information to help resolve your problems and challenges and recognize and act on opportunities. Learn to help others. Flexible and affordable tuition.*

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INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHICA: Apr. 23-May 14, 7-8 p.m., weekly on Wednesday. Cost: $20. Location: 55 Clover Lane, Waterbury. Info: Sam, 802-244-7909. *Learn about the hidden wisdom in the world's religious and spiritual traditions that provides a basis for the emerging global unity.*

MAHAYANA & THE BODHISATTVA VOW: Apr. 18-27. Cost: $55/weekend. Location: Burlington Shambhala Center, 187 South Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: Burlington Shambhala Center, Tracy Whitcomb, 802-922-2442, http://www.burlingtonshambhalactr.org. *The bodhichitta practices for waking up our hearts are the core disciplines of the Mahayana journey. This weekend will focus on those practices we cultivate in our training as bodhisattva warriors. This weekend is open to all students and is a prerequisite to taking the bodhisattva vow.*

weight loss

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well-being

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women

FREE: PARTING WITH PURPOSE: Apr. 26-27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE 2-day workshop. Location: Women Writing for a Change, 12 Howard Street, Burlington. Info: 800-894-7013, info@partingwithpurpose.com, www.partingwithpurpose.com. *Choose an empowered journey through separation and divorce, find healing and hope for a brighter future. Are you contemplating separating from or divorcing your mate? Are you already divorced and having trouble moving on? Join us for two days of self-discovery, healing and creating new visions for the future. You will experience a three-part process that will help you emerge feeling whole and empowered through one of life's most powerful transitions. Call for more info. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, SPACE IS LIMITED!*

GETTING SERIOUS: Cost: $105/7-hour class (9 a.m.-4 p.m.). Location: Women's Small Business Program, 346 Shelburne Rd., Burlington. Info: Mercy Connections, Inc., Gwen Lyman, 802-846-7338, wsbp@mercyconnections.org, www.mercyconnections.org. *This day-long workshop is designed to help you explore business ownership as your possible next career step. You will discover if business ownership is right for you, examine and expand your business idea(s), clarify your entrepreneurial and business-related skills, and create an action plan for next steps.*

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wood

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writing

LVW AGENT AND PUBLISHING EVENT: Apr. 19, 8:50 a.m. - 2:50 p.m. Cost: $45/full day with lunch ($40 for members). Location: Holiday Inn, Route 7, Rutland. Info: League of Vermont Writers, Pat Goodrey O'Brien, 802-485-7226, www.leagueofvermontwriters.org. *League of Vermont Writers Spring Meeting featuring Writer's Digest Books Guide to Literary Agents editor Chuck Sambuchino, "All About the Writer-Agent Relationship" plus "How to Pitch Your Book Project" and Chelsea Green Publishing editorial director Shay Totten, "Publishing in the Internet Age." Promote your own writing. Luncheon included.*

yoga

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housing

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'88 BMW 535i Very well kept for such a vintage. White w/ beautiful black leather interior, auto w/ sport trans option. Engine EO UI. Ile in no rust. Holds the road like a dream! New brakes, tires. Only parting 'cause moving to a new home because of move west. $2100/OBO. Info: Karl Plante, mariposa15@hotmail.com.

'08 AUDI A8 QUATTRO Leather, auto, leather, 6-disc CD, power everything, moonroof, keyless entry, second set alloy-rims steel rims, total 3 sets of rims. 1,000 miles, amazing condition. Info: 802-598-0058

AUTO AUCTION 2 Saturdays a month. Open to the Public. TRIAuction.com. Info: 402-878-8200

CARS FROM $500! Hondas, trucks, SUVs and more! For listings 1-800-706-1185 ext. 4869 (AAN CAN)

DODGE RAM VAN W/ CHAIRLIFT Very high top, excellent mechanical condition, strong engine, well cared, inspected Doc, great mileage. Lyfantic 800 lb. chair lift, tow package, good tires. Info: 802-622-6666, techtranslation2000@yahoo.com.

GOOD SUMMER BUY 2002 Pontiac Sunfire coupe. Black, 5-spd, 88K, A/C, ABS, cruise, CD & sunroof. Good first car. Low Winterforce tires incl. $4000 below book. Call after 1 p.m. Info: 802-822-2280.

I'M IMPATIENT, YOU SAVE! 01 Subaru Legacy. Needs minor rear work, but runs great. No accidents. Runs! Leak oil, AWD 5 spd, 180K. Blue book $3,500. Asking $1000. Info: 802-822-3488, pjrlevision@gmail.com

02 RACING BLMS 16" 02 Palladio Alloys 16" with tires. Tires are two years old. Info: 802-238-8899

VW JETTA 1995 Manual transmission, runs and looks great, clean interior, inspected until December, power locks, alarm, 132,221 miles. $1485/OBO. Info: 802-238-2944

Motorcycles

2006 250 NINJA 100% Kawasaki EX 250cc. Complete running condition. OEM steel. Runs very well. Needs nothing. Pickup in 05701 preferred. Sport bike with 50+ mpg. Info: Michael Tardiff, 802-775-1816

2005 SUZUKI C50 (BOCC) I'm selling my Suzuki C50. It is a great bike. I'm only selling it because I inherited a VTX. 11,850 miles. $2000/OBO. Info: 802-598-8222

BIKE SHOP PRE-SPRING CLEAN Complete motorcycles, project bikes & parts and/or engines. Info: CCCE John, 802-265-0583

Boats

15' MOTOR BOAT Columbian Outboard, 40 HP 1815 Evinrude with trailer. NEW Eagle fish finder incl. Tuned last fall. Good condition. $1000/OBO. Info: 802-812-4824

1978 C&C 34 SLOOP Fast, comfortable, clean & well maintained. Incl. 250lb mushroom, ground tackle, mooring ball & lines, stanchions, winter cover & many extras. Asking $21,500. (w) 802-785-2855 (h) 802-483-2160. Info: Kim Anderson, j.a@rsclaw.com

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Antiques/Collectibles

COINS, MONEY & PHOTOGRAPH Coin & paper money collection appraised long ago, no time to have re-appraised. $300 for whole collection. Framed photograph of JFK, $40. Info: 802-922-1589

Appliances/Tools/Parts

DOBAIL 12" HT MLUER Good condition. $1100. Info: Jim, 802-448-8083

Clothing/Jewelry

FAUX FUR DRESS COAT Ankle-length, brown, very soft, plush, like "fur." Worn only a few times. New $250, sell for $85. Info: 802-125-1345

Electronics

1.8 GHZ POWERPC G5 1.8GHz PowerPC G5, 2GB DDR SDRAM, AirPort Extreme Card. Have Final Cut Pro and Photoshop, will deliver fresh and clean. $1200/OBO. Info: Charles Simmons, 802-555-1528

COMPAQ COMPUTER SYSTEM Compaq computer w/ monitor & speakers, internet ready, 2.2 gig hard drive, 200 MZ Intel Processor. Great condition. $15. Info: Linda Enlinna, 802-495-4061.

B&O STEREO COMPONENTS A+ NAD amp (2x?0) 150W+ matching pre-amp (1200) and (4300) tuner. All original series. Great condition & sound. Boxes & books. First $425 to all. Info: Mitchell-witt@wildblue.net.

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NEW HP PAVILION A6050Y PC Windows Vista Home Premium, Intel Core 2 Duo, LightScribe DVD, memory card reader, front audio ports, keyboard, mouse, MS Office Home & Student 2007. $1400. Info: 802-622-6666, techtranslation2000@yahoo.com

NEW NIKON D80 CAMERA W/ Nikon 12-24mm DX lens <1 month old. Perfect condition & in box. New $1699, asking $1565. Info: 802-317-2114, vtdicks@yahoo.com

RECORDING STUDIO STUFF Selling Ultimate Support monitor stands, 2 tier keyboard rack & mixer stand. Excellent condition. Check website for pictures, descriptions and prices. Info: 802-486-4601, learntosail.net/music

Entertainment/Tickets

DRIVERS W/ LATE MODELS wanted for promoting entertainment and ML qualities wanted to host shows with exotic dancers. Info: 802-858-1486

SOLID GOLD DANCERS Exotic dancers. Adult entertainment for birthday, bachelor, bachelorette, deer camp or anytime good friends get together. $1 for inc. New talent welcome. Info: 802-858-1486

Free Stuff

KITCHEN TABLE Light wooden table, 60"x36". No chairs. Great shape. Asking $100. Info: 802-892-3502, sweetlou303@aol.com

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Furniture

ART TABLE & CHAIR Adjustable art/drafting table w/ adjustable chair. $125. Info: 802-683-8879

BED SETS NEW Mattress, box frame. Brand new, never used, still in plastic, warranty. Twin $240, Full $265, Queen $330, King $525. Info: 802-658-0218

BENNINGTON PINE HUTCH Vermont made w/ double glass doors. 4 natural shelves, lower storage cabinets, lockable, very handsome. $100. In Burlington area. Info: 802-224-0188

BUNK BED SOLID WOOD In original box. Easy to assemble. Sturdy & safe. Cost $795, sell only $325. Info: 802-882-4417

COFFEE & DINING ROOM TABLE Glass top, wood iron bottom coffee table $125. Ethan Allen wood dining room set (4 chairs, 2 leaves, buffet) $2400. All in excellent condition. Info: 802-881-8284

FUTON SOLID WOOD NEW W/ brand new mattress. Still in box, never used. Cost $995, sell $325. Info: 802-224-0188

GLASS ON BRASS SOFA TABLE Gorgeous, like-new condition. Fits behind sofa or in a hallway 41 x 18"D. Sorry, no pics. Moving, must sacrifice. $100. Info: 802-888-9231

HOT TUB SPA, 2008 Brand-new, in shrink wrap. Insulated, hydrotherapy pkg, cover, 5-year warranty. MSRP $6475, sell $2100. Info: 802-883-3888

KLIK-KLAK SLEEPER Spotless, chocolate brown ultrasuede, opens flat with one click. Loaf tilts up, sleeps two. From Super Store, paid >$2400, asking $300. Info: 802-622-6666, techtranslation2000@yahoo.com

LIGHT OAK DESK W/ HUTCH + desk chair on rollers, 5 yrs old. 44"x20 x60. $250/OBO. Info: 802-882-5268

LIVING ROOM SOFA & CHAIR Velvet w/ pale earth tones. Vermont crafted in Vermont. Excellent condition. Moving, must sacrifice. Info: 802-862-9201

THERAPY COMPLETE! Couch, no longer needed. Very comfortable, large w/ black piping. Very well kept. Moving to smaller home. $100 firm (like the couch!). Info: 802-210-2385

Garage/Estate Sales

4000 LUDGER ST VENDOR CART Bountiful Church St. Marketplace vendor cart for sale. Like new & ready to roll. Meets all conditions & requirements. Info: 802-242-8214

Pets

CHINESE SHAR PEI PUPS Beautiful, wrinkled pups. All shots. Very friendly & affectionate, ready to meet their new best friend. $500. Email for pictures. Info: 802-452-4128, wrinklepups80@aol.com

This week's puzzle answers. Puzzles on page 47a.

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Sports Equipment

80-LB. EVERLAST HEAVY BAG In great shape, used only 5 or 6 times. My brown [illegible] chick. $80 new, asking $40. Info: 802-355-5455.

KAYAK WHITE WATER PLAYBOAT Good condition. If you like running creeks, rivers & surfing waves this is your boat. Asking $520/OBO. Wave Sport Project 45. Info: 802-951-8230.

MOTORCYCLE JACKET Joe Rocket, red/black, men's Small (= women's Medium). Excellent condition. $90/OBO. Info: 802-318-8548.

WOODEN HANDLE 8-9 GUN Tokay wooden handle 8-9 gun. Call for details & price. Info: 802-324-0709.

Want to Buy

ARTICLES Furniture, postcards, pottery, cameras, toys, medical tools, old glass, photographs, slide rules, license plates and silver. Anything unusual or unique. Cash paid. Info: Dave, 802-859-8966.

YARD MACHINE 5.5 HP, 3" Chipping, 3-way feed system, 10:1 reduction ratio, 2.5-bushel collection bag, cable in chute, drop in hopper. Hardly used. Info: Nancy Jay bot, 802-865-0237, nhyhorse205@yahoo.com.

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Bands/Musicians

BAND SEEKS GUITAR/VOCALS Burlington-based working local band seeking guitarist/vocalist. Looking for energetic attitude w/ a rock 'n' roll heart to share guitar & vocal duties. Info: 802-893-1578.

CELLIST NEEDED ASAP! For pit band. Shows are at UVM April 25th & 26th. Please email info about yourself and to get all dates/times. Info: Ashley O'Brien, ebria11@yahoo.com.

FEMALE VOCALIST TO ROCK. Smoking musicians to jam, jam, start... whatever it takes to ROCK. Experienced in local scene. [illegible] Info: 802-933-2182.

GUITAR PLAYER WANTED Lead guitar player (vocals a plus). YPK is an established band w/ drums, bass, keyboard/rhythm guitar. We play rock & reggae, primarily original. Colchester. Info: Howard Gluckman, 802-893-6102, howiam98@comcast.net, www.yankeepot.net.

GUITARIST WANTED Rhythm & lead. Vocals a plus. Covers and originals: Huckleberry, Nirvana, Green Day, Rusted Root, Patty, Dylan, Dead. Under 35 only. Info: Kelsey Small, John Liruzak, 802-893-7251, www.myspace.com/delsersonalofficialsite.

NEED BASS FOR PROG ROCK Need an experienced bass player to play original music. Music is along the lines of Tool, ISIS and Floyd. Gigs in northeast beginning this summer. Info: 802-355-0797, www.myspace.com/theswestofindies.

WHO WANTS TO ROCK? Skilled/experienced guitarist looking to start electronic, effects/sampler-laden, bass and drum, break beat, world music. Create original tunes, also cover-song friendly! All musicians/DJs/wild people wanted! Info: 617-395-1767.

For Sale

GUITAR & DRUMS 3/4-size Wende acoustic guitar, great for child/student, $150. Djembe drum, $75. Tiny Conga, $25. All in great condition, no time to practice. Info: 802-922-1580.

LOST YAMAHA GUITAR HELP!! Lost Yamaha acoustic/electric guitar model FGX-413 SC single cutaway natural finish, hard case. Lost on 3/18 around 71 N. Winooski Ave. Reward. Info: Eric, 802-863-6717.

MUSIC EQUIPMENT Taylor 450 acoustic, $825. AKG C 1000S mics, $150/ea. or $275/both. Peavey XM6 amp, $250. Fender XR110 speakers, $100/p. Info: 802-864-4365.

VIOLIN Gently used, great for beginning student, purchased at Burlington's Violin Shop. Excellent condition. $200/OBO. Info: 802-338-0548.

Instruction

GUITAR INSTRUCTION Berklee grad w/25 years teaching experience offers lessons in guitar, music theory and ear training. Individualized, step-by-step approach. All ages/styles/levels. Info: Belford Guitar Studio, Rick Belford, 802-864-7195, rickbelford@verizon.net, www.rickbelford.com.

GUITAR INSTRUCTION All styles/levels. Emphasis on developing strong technique, thorough musicianship, personal style. Paul Asbell (Unknown Blues Band, Kilimanjaro, UVM and Middlebury College faculty). Info: 802-862-7696, www.paulasbell.com.

MUSIC LESSONS Learn guitar, voice, theory, composition, songwriting. All ages, levels, styles. 20 years' experience. Friendly individualized lessons in So. Burlington. Info: 802-864-7740, ammed13@gmail.com.

Studio/Rehearsal

ARTIST/HOBBY SPACE AVAIL. 11'x12' space in Burlington. Great for artist or hobby workshop. Secure location, natural light. $300/mo. incl. utils. Info: Andrea, 802-355-0572.

EMP RECORDING STUDIO The studio unlike any other in the area. Full gear list and photos on website. $45/hr. after 6 p.m. weekdays. $55/hr. on weekends. Info: Egan Media Productions, Robert Egan, 802-655-1564, rob@eganmedia.com, www.myspace.com/eganmedia.

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Auditions/Casting

GET DISCOVERED TODAY! We're looking for you. "Open Calls" every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Could you be our next new face? Info: Fusion Management Group, Inc., 802-865-2234, info@fusionmgmtgrp.com, www.fusionmgmtgrp.com.

Call to Artists

CALL FOR VT AND NY ARTISTS Quebec's largest outdoor art festival seeks VT & NY painters for juried exhibition Labor Day weekend. Apply by May 1, 2008 at www.festivart.org. Info: Eileen Marc, 450-298-1212, edemetr@yahoo.ca. FESTIVART.ORG.

CALLING ALL POTTERS Dynamite Clay Studio on Rt. 2 in [illegible] is offering Throwing and Hand Building Classes. Sign up today. Call for more info. Info: Dynamite Clay Studio, Katie Pettersen, 802-456-9347.

For Sale

MONOTYPE PRINTS FOR SALE Local Burlington-area artist. Abstract landscape scenery sunsets. Watercolor prints. Ask for Rosi. Info: 802-324-3113.

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ACT 250 NOTICE
MINOR APPLICATION
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001-6092

On March 28, 2008, Kendall Gaston Properties LLC, filed application #4C0772-3 for a project generally described as:

changing one of building to include 480 sf. retail space, add one free standing sign, one building mounted sign and two free standing solar panels. The project is located on South Brownell Road in the Town of Williston, Vermont.

The District 4 Environmental Commission will review this application under Act 250 Rule 51 – Minor Applications. Copies of the application and proposed permit are available for review at the Williston Municipal Office, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission located at 30 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, and the office listed below.

The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's web site (www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup) by clicking on "Act 250 Database," selecting "Entire Database," and entering the case number above.

No hearing will be held unless, on or before April 28, 2008, a party notifies the District Commission of an issue or issues requiring the presentation of evidence at a hearing or the commission sets the matter for hearing on its own motion. Any hearing request shall be in writing to the address below, shall state the criteria or subcriteria at issue, why a hearing is required and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other interested person must include a petition for party status. Prior to submitting a request for a hearing, please contact the district coordinator at the telephone number listed below for more information. Prior to convening a hearing, the District Commission must determine that substantive issues requiring a hearing have been raised. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law will not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

Should a hearing be held on this project and you have a disability for which you are going to need accommodation, please notify us by April 28, 2008.

Parties entitled to participate are the Municipality, the Municipal Planning Commission, the Regional Planning Commission, adjoining property owners, other interested persons granted party status pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c). Non-party participants may also be allowed under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(5).

Dated in Essex Junction, Vermont, this 1st day of April, 2008.

/s/ Peter E. Keibel
Peter E. Keibel
Natural Resources Board
District #4 Coordinator
111 West Street
Essex Junction, VT 05452
T/ 802-879-5658
E/ peter.keibel@state.vt.us

CHARLOTTE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 24 Chapter 117 V.S.A. and the Charlotte Land Use Regulations, the Charlotte Planning Commission will meet on Thursday May 1, 2008 at the Town Hall to hear the following application.

7:15 PM Final Plan Hearing for Peter and Jill Knox and Drew and Dianna Crane for a 2 lot subdivision reviewed as a non-contiguous Planned Residential Development. The properties are located at 1755 and 1142 Prindle Road.

Application material can be viewed at the Planning and Zoning Office. Participation in the hearing is a prerequisite to the right to appeal any decision related to these applications.

CITY OF BURLINGTON TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The following traffic regulations are hereby enacted by the Public Works Commission as amendments to Appendix C Motor Vehicles, and the City of Burlington's Code of Ordinances:

Sec. 7 No-Parking Areas

No person shall park any vehicle at any time in the following locations:

(1) through (472) As Written

(473) On the south side of Institute Road for a distance of [150] 232 feet west of North Avenue.

(474) On [both sides] the south side of Institute Road beginning from North Avenue and extending west to the entrance of North Beach.

(475) through (503) As Written

Adopted this 9th day of April 2008 by the Board of Public Works Commissioners:

Attest Norman Baldwin, P.E.
Assistant Director Technical Services

Adopted 4/9/2008 Published 4/16/2008 Effective 5/7/2008

Material in [Brackets] delete.
Material underlined add.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE CHARLOTTE LAND USE REGULATIONS

The Charlotte Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Charlotte Town Hall on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of receiving public comment on an amendment to the Charlotte Land Use Regulations as proposed in a petition submitted in January, 2008 in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4441 (c).

The two purposes of this amendment are:
1. to allow retail and service businesses as permitted uses within the Village Commercial District in the portion of the West Charlotte Village located on the east side of Route 7; and
2. to reduce the minimum setback from Route 7 to 25 feet (from 100 feet).

The first proposed amendment will affect all land within the Village Commercial District on the east side of Route 7 in the West Charlotte village. The second proposed amendment will affect all land adjacent to Route 7.

The proposed amendment will affect the following sections of the Charlotte Land Use Regulations: Table 2.3 Village Commercial District and Chapter 9 Definitions.

The full text of the proposed amendment is available for review at the Charlotte Town Office and at the Town's web-site, http://www.charlottevt.org

PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH BURLINGTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The South Burlington Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at the South Burlington City Hall Conference Room, 575 Dorset Street, South Burlington, Vermont on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the following:

1. Preliminary plat application #SD-08-21 & final plat application #SD-08-22 of Verizon New England, Inc. for a planned unit development consisting of installing two (2) utility cabinets on concrete pads, 75 Community Drive.

2. Appeal #AO-08-03 of Century Partners, LP appealing the decision of the Administrative Officer in deny Certificate of Occupancy application #CO-08-20, 2 Market Street.

3. Conditional use application #CU-08-02 of Omnipoint Communications, Inc. to install: 1) three (3) panel antennas at a height of 81 feet on an existing telecommunications tower and 2) four (4) equipment cabinets, 2120 Williston Road.

4. Appeal #AO-08-04 of Kathleen Kellaher, Doreen Duval & Malinda Take appealing the decision of the Administrative Officer to issue Zoning Permit #ZP-08-098 to Indian Creek Condominium Association, 911 Dorset Street #36.

5. Appeal #AO-08-05 of Wesco Inc. appealing the decision of the Administrative Officer to deny a request for temporary Certificate of Occupancy #CO-08-27, 1119 Williston Road.

John Dinklage, Chairman
South Burlington Development Review Board

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the South Burlington City Hall.

April 16, 2008

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S0719-07 CnC

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-3
Plaintiff
v.
Scott Francalangia, Option One Mortgage Corporation And Occupants residing at 78-80 West Allen Street, Winooski, Vermont,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Option One Mortgage Corporation to Scott Francalangia dated May 13, 2005 and recorded in Volume 193, Page 715 of the Land Records of the Town of Winooski, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:45 P.M. on May 7, 2008, at 78-80 West Allen Street, Winooski, Vermont all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To Wit:
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Scott Francalangia by Warranty Deed of Travis Crete and Raymond Crete of even date and to be recorded prior to the recording of this instrument in the City of Winooski Land Records.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the Town of Winooski.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Lobe & Fortin, 30 Kimball Ave., Ste 306, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-660-9000.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee

By: Joshua B. Lobe, Esq.
Lobe & Fortin, PLC
30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306
South Burlington, VT 05403

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S1153-08 CnC

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Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation 2006-OPT2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OPT2,
Plaintiff
v.
Beau Clark, Pamela Clark, Option One Mortgage Corporation And Occupants residing at 2 Greenfield Street Ext., Unit G-2, Essex Junction, Vermont,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Aracap Mortgage, Inc. to Beau Clark dated August 25, 2005 and recorded in Volume 882, Page 423 of the Land Records of the Town of Essex Junction, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purposes of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 8:45 A.M. on May 7, 2008, at 2 Greenfield Street Ext., Unit G-2, Essex Junction, Vermont all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To Wit:
Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Beau Clark and Pamela Clark by Warranty Deed of Deborah Friend, dated August 25, 2005 of record in Volume 882 at Pages 421-422 of the Essex Land Records.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the Town of Essex Junction.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Lobe & Fortin, 30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 300, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-660-9000.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company,
as Trustee

By: Joshua B. Lobe, Esq.
Lobe & Fortin, PLC
30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 300
South Burlington, VT 05403

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S0050-08 CnC

GMAC Mortgage, LLC, Of Horsham, Pennsylvania
Plaintiff
v.
Urim Kasami, Jennifer Kasami, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for CTX Mortgage Company, LLC And Occupants residing at 21 Shannon Way, Milton, Vermont Address Unknown, formerly of Milton, Vermont, Chittenden County
Defendants

SUMMONS & ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: Urim Kasami and Jennifer Kasami

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Joshua B. Lobe, Esq., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 30 Kimball Avenue, Suite 300, South Burlington, VT 05403, an Answer to plaintiff's Complaint in the above entitled action within forty-one (41) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, which is 4/9/08. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Your Answer must also be filed with the Court. Unless otherwise provided in Rule 13(a), Your Answer must state as a counterclaim any related claim which you may have against the plaintiff, or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action. YOUR ANSWER MUST STATE SUCH A COUNTERCLAIM WHETHER OR NOT THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT IS FOR DAMAGE COVERED BY A LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY UNDER WHICH THE INSURER HAS THE RIGHT OR OBLIGATION TO CONDUCT THE DEFENSE. If you believe that the plaintiff is not entitled to all or part of the claim set forth in the Complaint, or if you believe that you have a Counterclaim against the plaintiff, you may wish to consult an attorney. If you feel that you cannot afford to pay an attorney's fee, you may ask the clerk of the Court for information about places where you may seek legal assistance.

Plaintiff's action is a Complaint in Foreclosure which alleges that you have breached the terms of a Promissory Note and Mortgage Deed dated September 18, 2006. Plaintiff's action may affect your interest in the property described in the Land Records of the Town of Milton at Volume 336, Page 481. The Complaint also seeks relief on the Promissory Note executed by you. A copy of the Complaint is on file and may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Chittenden, State of Vermont.

It appearing from Affidavit duly filed in the above entitled action that service cannot be made with due diligence by any of the methods prescribed in V.R.C.P. 4(d) through (f) inclusive, it is hereby ORDERED that service of the above process shall be made upon defendants, Urim Kasami and Jennifer Kasami, by publication pursuant to V.R.C.P. 4(g). This Order shall be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks on 4/9/08 and 4/16/08 in the Seven Days. A copy of this Order shall be mailed to defendants at their address if their address is known.

Dated at Burlington, Vermont this 27th day of March, 2008.

Hon. Matthew I. Katz
Presiding Judge
Washington Superior Court

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. 5714-07 CnC

JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA as Trustee for the C-Bass Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-RP2, Without Recourse,
Plaintiff
v.
James T. Cournoyer, Patricia A. Cournoyer And Occupants residing at 258 North Street, Winooski, Vermont,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Universal Mortgage Corporation to James T. Cournoyer dated August 7, 1998 and recorded in Volume 150, Page 2 of the Land Records of the Town of Winooski of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purposes of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 8:30 A.M. on May 7, 2008, at 258 North Street, Winooski, Vermont all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To Wit:
Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to James T. Cournoyer and Patricia A. Cournoyer by Warranty Deed of Charles F. Crowley and Cynthia E. Crowley dated August 7, 1998 and recorded in Volume 108 Page 5 of the Land Records of the City of Winooski.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the Town of Winooski.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Lobe & Fortin, 30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 300, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-660-9000.

JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA as Trustee

By: Joshua B. Lobe, Esq.
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STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S0808-07 CnC

U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee
Plaintiff
v.
Lisa M. Morrison, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation And Occupants residing at
55 Kim Lane, Milton, Vermont,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by EquiFirst Corporation to Lisa M. Morrison dated July 22, 2005 and recorded in Volume 318, Page 258 of the Land Records of the Town of Milton, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purposes of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 8:00 A.M. on April 23, 2008, at 55 Kim Lane, Milton, Vermont all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To Wit:
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Lisa M. Morrison by Warranty Deed of Erica M. Brown dated July ___ 2005 and recorded in Volume ___, Page ___ of the Town of Milton Land Records.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the Town of Milton.

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U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee

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STATE OF VERMONT
DISTRICT OF CHITTENDEN
PROBATE COURT
DOCKET NO. 32300

IN RE THE ESTATE OF
Lucille B. Racine
LATE OF SO. BURLINGTON, VT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of the estate of Lucille B. Racine late of South Burlington.

I have been appointed a personal representative of the above named estate. All creditors having claims against the estate must present their claims in writing within four months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy filed with the register of the Probate Court. The claim will be forever barred if it is not presented as described within the four month deadline.

Dated: March 28, 2008

Signed: Andre Brousseau
Address: 108 Fairfield Street
St. Albans, VT 05478
802-527-7133

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Seven Days
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Probate Court, District of Chittenden
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support groups

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POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN: The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Champlain Valley (NAMI-CV) is offering a free PTSD Support Group for Women on Thursdays from 12:30-2:00 p.m. The group focuses on both support and education about PTSD. Meetings are held at the NAMI office at 14 Healey Avenue, Suite D, Plattsburgh. For more information or to register, call NAMI-CV at 561-2985.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE BATTLING MULTIPLE MYELOMA? Support meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month from 5-6:30 p.m. at Hope Lodge on East Avenue, Burlington. For more information call Kay Cromie at 655-9136 or email kcromie@aol.com.

THE WOMEN'S RAPE CRISIS CENTER will be starting a free confidential 10-week support group for adult female survivors of sexual assault in late April. Please contact 864-0555 for more information.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOVED ONES WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS: Group forming for family members and loved ones of people with terminal illness. The group will have a spiritual base. We will offer each other support by listening as well as share creative ways to explore feelings of grief and loss through writing, prayer, etc. Please contact Holly: hollyb@pshift.com.

(OA) OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Tues., Thurs. & Sun., 6-7 p.m. in Barre. Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 39 Washington St., Barre, VT (Parking in back of church/please use back entrance). Meetings are FREE and anonymous. For more info please call 802-883-2055.

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AL-ANON Family group 12-step, Thursdays, 12:25-1:20 p.m. Call AWARE at 802-472-6463 for information and to register. Free of charge. 88 High Street, Hardwick, VT.

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CIRCLE OF PARENTS support group meeting in Rutland Monday evenings. Snacks and childcare provided. Meeting is free and confidential. For more info call Heather at 802-498-0608 or 1-800-children. Meetings weekly in Winooski. For more info, call Tara at 802-893-6478 or 1-800-children. Meetings Tuesday evenings in Barre. For more info call Cindy at 802-229-5724 or 1-800-children.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT: Montpelier daytime support group meets first and third Thursday of the month at the Unitarian Church "ramp entrance" from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Montpelier evening support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at Vermont Protection and Advocacy, 141 Main St., suite 7 in conference room #2 from 6-8 p.m. Burlington evening support group meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Comfort Inn and Suites near exit 14 off I-89 and Dorset St., from 7-8 p.m. Middlebury support group on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Patricia Hannaford Career Center. Call our helpline at 1-877-856-1772.

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CHITTENDEN COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will meet every second Tues., 5 p.m.-7 p.m., at Fanny Allen Hospital, lower level in the Board Room.

ARE YOU HAVING PROBLEMS with debt? Do you spend more than you earn? Get help at Debtor's Anonymous plus Business Debtor's Anonymous. Mondays, 7-8 p.m. First United Methodist Church, North Winooski Ave., Burlington. Contact Valerie at 760-0293.

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SHOPLIFTERS SUPPORT GROUP: Self-help support group now forming in the Capital area for persons who would like to meet regularly for mutual support. This new group would meet biweekly at a time and place to be decided to discuss our issues, struggles and ways of staying out of trouble. We'll likely use some of Terry Shulman's work as a format for some of our discussions. Please call Tina at 802-115-8890 or email at tmarie2[illegible]@cs.com.

PARENTING GROUP: Parenting support and skill building for people parenting kids of any age. New members welcome as space allows. Please call for more information. Rise Valley Associates (802) 95[illegible]-1520.

STARTING A WOMEN'S GROUP age 65+ to meet weekly for lunch and other activities such as walking, book discussions, museum visits, matinees and etc. Email Katherine at [illegible]@aol.com.

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP: 1-5 p.m., every third Thursday. So. Burlington Police Station Community Room, One North Ave. South Entrance, next to Battery Park. VT CFIDS Assoc. Inc. 1-800-287-1445. Email: www.[illegible].com/vtcfids.html

CO-HAM/CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UPSTATE CANCER: Support meets 5 p.m., 2nd Tuesday each month in the board room of Fanny Allen Hospital, Colchester. 1-800-ACS-2345.

SQUEAKY WHEELS, RUSTY HINGES: Focus group meets at the Branon Pool in St. Albans for socialization, maintaining wellbeing, improving performance of daily activities by managing aches through sharing experiences and workout in the warm water. Meeting is free, one hour pool pass required. 802-524-1867.

MEN'S GROUP FORMING: To read and discuss Warren Farrell's groundbreaking book "The Myth of Male Power." 802-343-0830.

MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE/DYSAUTONOMIA: Group forming for information sharing purposes. Please call 865-5155.

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SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE (SOS): Have you experienced the impact of a loved one's suicide? Please consider joining us. The Burlington support group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 6-7:30 p.m. at the The Holiday Inn, Oak Room, 1068 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT. This is not a therapy group - this is a support group. There is no fee. Please contact Linda Livendale, 802-479-9450, lplivendale@yahoo.com.

DEBTORS ANON. 12-step recovery group. Do you have a problem with money and debt? We can help. Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Redstone Campus. First Presbyterian Church, South Prospect St. Sat. 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Brenda 802-497-3522 or Cameron 802-595-9147.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: A group of recovering addicts who live without the use of drugs. It costs nothing to be a member. The only requirement is a desire to stop using. For meeting info, call 802-862-4516 or visit www.cvana.org.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter Meeting. Bethany Church, 115 Main Street, Montpelier. Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. For info call Linda at 476-8345.

BEREAVED PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: Every first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Fletcher Allen, 111 Market Place, Main St. Parents, grandparents and adult siblings are welcomed. The hospitable Compassionate Friends Chapter in the area. Info, please call Priscilla at 933-1145.

CONCERNED UNITED BIRTHPARENTS: A group offering support if you have lost a child to adoption, are in reunion or have yet to begin your search. 802-849-2244.

EATING DISORDERS PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUP: For parents of children with or at risk of anorexia or bulimia. Meetings 7-8 p.m., 4th Wednesday of each month at the Covenant Community Church, Rt. 15, Essex Center. We focus on being a resource and providing referral points for old and new ED parents. More information, call Peter at 802-899-2554.

HEPATITIS C SUPPORT GROUP: Second Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30. Community Health Center, second floor, 617 Riverside Ave., Burlington. 802-355-8958.

AUTISM SUPPORT DAILY: Free support group for parents of children with autism. 600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240, Williston. 1st Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Call Lynn 802-899-7240 or visit us at http://www.AutismSupportDaily.com for more info.

OCD SUPPORT GROUP/THERAPY GROUP: Come share your experience, get support from those who have been there. Learn about Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and how to reduce its symptoms. Therapist facilitated. Weekly meetings. 802-343-8114.

AUTISM: Free support group for parents and caregivers of children with ASD. Huntington, 2nd Sunday of the month, 3-5 p.m. at the Family Center. Call Jessica 244-1893 for child care inquiries. More info: www.[illegible].org

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE and Dementia support group: Held the last Tuesday of every month at Birchwood Terrace, Burlington. Info: contact Stefanie Catella 863-6384.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP: If someone in your family or one of your friends is in an abusive relationship, this new support group is designed especially for you. Info: call Women Helping Battered Women 658-1996.

HAIR PULLERS SUPPORT GROUP: The Vermont TTM Support Group is a new support group for adult pullers (18+) affected by trichotillomania (chronic hair pulling) as well as parents of pullers. This will be a supportive, safe, comfortable and confidential environment. Meets on the 4th Monday of every month, 7-7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Universalist Society, 152 Pearl St., Burlington. Info, 453-9998 or vermont_ttmsupport@yahoo.com.

DEPERSONALIZATION AND DEREALIZATION: If you suffer from either of these trance states, please call Todd, 864-4285.

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY EAST CHAPTER of the Compassionate Friends meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 7-9 p.m. at the Christ Church Presbyterian, 400 Redstone Campus, UVM. Info: 482-5519. The meetings are for parents, grandparents and adult siblings who have experienced the death of a child at any age from any cause.

DIABETES EDUCATION and Support Group of Chittenden County meets the third Thursday of every month at the Williston Federated Church, 6:30-8 p.m. We often have guest speakers. Info: 847-2278.

WOMEN HELPING BATTERED WOMEN offers free, confidential educational support groups for women who have fled, are fleeing or are still living in a world where intimate partner violence is present. WHBW offers a variety of groups to meet the diverse needs of women and children in this community. Info: 658-1996.

VT PARENTS OF FOOD ALLERGIC CHILDREN (FAC) SUPPORT TEAM: Info: contact MaryKay Hill, www.VTPFAC.com or call 802-575-5551.

MIXED GENDER/GENDER OUT SUPPORT GROUP: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Co-facilitated by supportive peer and mental health professionals and open to all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning adults age 23 and up. Check out this group meeting at R.U.1.2?

TRANS SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GROUP: First Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Looking for peer support among other transgendered folks? Need a safe space to relax and be yourself? Check out this group meeting at R.U.1.2?

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meeting. St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski. Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting. Info: call Fred or Bunnye 655-3317 or Patricia, 658-6904.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS is a group of recovering addicts who live without the use of drugs. It costs nothing to join. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using. Info: 862-4516 or visit www.together.net/~cvana. Held in Burlington, South Burlington and Colchester. For more information, call 860-8388 or toll-free, 1-866-972-5266.

SEX AND LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS: 12-step recovery group. Do you have a problem with sex or relationships? We can help. Sunday meetings 7-8:30 p.m. Men call Sandy, 865-5708. Women call Valerie, 872-760-9205.

SMOKING CESSATION GROUP: Wishing to kick the habit? This free, five-week program helps quitters to follow through. Community Health Center of Burlington. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 864-6309.

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WEDNESDAYS CIRCLE: A transpersonal support group, every Wed., 5 p.m. Innerharmony Community Wellness Center, Rt. 100N, Rochester, VT. [illegible]. A sharing circle focusing on personal growth, transformation, spirituality and healing. Led by [illegible].

DECLUTTERER'S SUPPORT GROUP: Are you ready to make improvements but find it overwhelming? Maybe 2 or 3 of us can get together to help each simplify. 455-5612.

PARENTS TOGETHER: Support group will be meeting in Rutland on Monday evenings. Snacks and child care provided. All groups are free and confidential. Please call 1-800-CHILDREN for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN who have experienced intimate partner abuse, facilitated by Battered Women's Services and Shelter of Washington County. Please call 1-877-543-9498 for more info.

ANY BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS: Join our support group who's the focus is on living, not on the disease. We are a team of dragon boaters. Learn about this paddle sport and its health giving, life-affirming qualities. Any age. No athletic experience needed. Call Linda at 802-434-4423 or email: dragonheartvermont@gmavt.net or go to: www.dragonheartvermont.org

BAKER EN VERMONT: The pro- or Nutrisystem/Skinny organization in Vermont offering information library, message board, chat room, yahoo group and more. (ALL FREE) [illegible]

SCLERODERMA FOUNDATION New England: Info, Blythe and 878-0132.

ALS (LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE) monthly support group for patients, caregivers and loved ones who are living or have lived with ALS. Third Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m. Jim's House, 1271 Creamery Rd., Williston. Info and directions, 802-[illegible] or vt@alsa-ne.org.

METHADONE ANONYMOUS: medication-assisted recovery support group. Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. The Alano Club, Rt. 15 Fort Ethan Allen, Barnes Ave., third right on Hegeman Ave., 274 on left. All are welcome.

HARD-OF-HEARING support group: I'm starting a support group for adults who have a hearing loss that affects the quality of their work/family/social life. Let's share personal experiences and knowledge of hearing-aid technology. 518-8005.

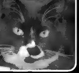
SKINNY/FIT UNITE: Vermont Au Naturel. Join naturists and like-minded folk for support, if considering. Online at www.vermontaunaturel.com

MENTAL ILLNESSES: The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Vermont holds support meetings for the families and friends of the mentally ill at Howard Center, corner of Flynn and Pine St., second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. Park in Pine St. lot and walk down ramp. 862-6995 for info.

LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL Transgender Queer: One-on-one meetings. Support groups for victims of partner violence and bias/hate crimes. Free and confidential. SafeSpace, 863-0003 or 866-869-7341 (toll free).

FAMILY/FRIENDS OF THOSE suffering from Alzheimer's disease and Dementia: second Tuesday of the month, 4-5 p.m. The Arbors. 985-8600.

"HELLENBACH" CANCER support: Every other Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Middlebury. Info: verify meeting place. [illegible]-8181. People dying with cancer and their caregivers come for support.



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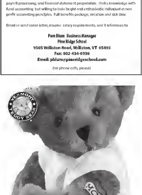

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Please send a cover letter and resume to: **Kristy Sargent at The Charlotte Children's Center P.O. Box 143 Charlotte, VT 05445 or ccc@gmavt.net.** I can be also contacted by phone 802-425-3328

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The Hardwick Area Community Coalition seeks a dynamic and skilled individual to provide administrative assistance to the coalition staff for 16 hours per week.

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Search Committee, PO Box 447, Hardwick, VT 05843
Or email: hardwickcoalition@yahoo.com

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Substance Abuse Case Manager: Full time position available. Case Manager needed to screen families in need for potential substance abuse referral to appropriate treatment, service coordination, monitoring, and wrap-around services in a new position to be co-located at the child welfare office. Minimum of Bachelors degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field and Apprentice Substance Abuse Counselor Certificate or the ability to test for certification within three months of hire date. Experience working with families and knowledge of community resources preferred.

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Green Mountain Orthopaedic Surgery is looking for an energetic and strong leader to manage its growing and thriving practice. We have just settled into our brand new state of the art office space attached to Central Vermont Hospital where we proudly provide the highest quality orthopedic care in the area. Our surgeons have been supporting the needs of the community for many years and look forward to utilizing a strong manager to lead their staff.

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Qualified applicants should possess a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or equivalent; with four to eight years related experience and/or training. Extensive work experience may be considered in lieu of educational requirements.

Strong proficiency in a Microsoft environment to include Word, Excel and Outlook is also required and experience with Medical Practice Management Systems and Electronic Health Records is a strong plus. We offer a competitive benefit and compensation plan (45k-55k).

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Please send a cover letter and resume to:
B. Johnson
Spectrum Youth and Family Services
177 Pearl St.
Burlington, VT 05401

Or email at: Bjohnson@spectrumvt.org

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Requirements: Knowledge of the Disability Rights Movement, the ADA, Fair Housing and 504, and domestic and sexual assault issues, and significant experience in advocacy. Must have experience in team building, group facilitation, and project management. Strong verbal and written communication skills, a valid driver's license, and the ability to pass required security clearance (including fingerprinting) are necessary. Experience with living with a disability is preferred.

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Position is 32 hrs/wk, typically 1 – 9 pm with some variation in that schedule. Bachelor's degree in a human service field preferred. Candidates should have prior experience working with youth and a desire to work in a team-oriented environment.

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LIFEGUARDS

The Greater Burlington YMCA is looking for lifeguards. Must be 16 years of age or older and have current Lifeguarding, First Aid and CPR certifications. The pay is $8.50 per hour and includes a free YMCA membership.

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FINANCE ASSISTANT

Under the direction of the Vice President and CFO, the Finance Assistant is responsible for processing financial, membership, budgeting and administrative operations for the Greater Burlington YMCA. These include all areas: accounts receivable, cash receipts, cash disbursements, membership enrollments and accounts payable.

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Candidates must possess a clear commitment to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by youth and be able to work a flexible schedule, including some evenings.

Responsibilities include strengthening and creating community and youth partnerships, helping to develop a strategic plan, identifying and implementing programming, and meeting grant requirements. Training and supervision is provided. Report to Coalition Coordinator and Board of Directors. This is a dynamic position and duties may change with the organization's needs.

Submit cover letter, resume and contact information for three references by April 28 to:
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Central Vermont Humane Society
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Richard Turner
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Christine Plunkett, Human Resources Coordinator,
Burlington College, 95 North Ave Burlington VT 05401
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Law Line of Vermont
274 North Winooski Avenue
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or tgarrett@lawlinevt.org

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June – August

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Full- and part time
June – October

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April – October

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Colin Davis, 802-864-2499
or email colin@communitysailingcenter.org

Pine Ridge School

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR

Pine Ridge School has an immediate opening for a full time Technology Coordinator. Duties include maintaining network hardware and system/application software, including email and Internet access, training, troubleshooting, programming, planning and implementation.

Requirements: Technology-related Bachelor's, 3 years related experience, A+ and Microsoft Network Administration Certification required. Ability to work with, relate to and train all levels of users.

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Pam Blum, Business Manager
Pine Ridge School
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Job Openings 2007-2008 School Year

Immediate Opening

Long-term Substitute Middle School Math & Science Teacher

Washington Village School

The Washington Village School is seeking a highly qualified long term substitute to teach math and science in grades 6, 7 and 8 for the remainder of the school year

Paraprofessional Position

Washington Village School

Washington Village School is seeking a paraprofessional to assist in multi-grade (1-3) classroom to provide academic and emotional/behavioral support. Excellent communication skills and ability to work with a team required. Candidate must have Associates degree, equivalent college credits or other Highly Qualified documentation. School experience and knowledge of child development desirable.

Please forward letter of interest, resume, transcripts, HQ documentation and references.

Special Education Paraprofessional

Williamstown High School

Seeking enthusiastic, articulate person to work with a high school senior. Position involves academic, communication, employment and personal care support. Employment may transition into post graduation personal support position. Qualified candidate will have solid academic abilities and the equivalent of an Associates degree. Must be physically fit and have an excellent driving record. CPR and First Aid training highly desirable

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2008-2009 School Year

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Williamstown Middle High School

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Orange Center School

Seeking energetic K-8 physical education / health teacher licensed in both P.E. and Health. Successful candidate will be a collaborative individual with a positive mindset, who is responsive and reflective in their practice

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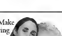

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Hospice Bereavement Coordinator

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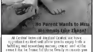

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Champlain Valley Area
Health Education Center

Financial Coordinator

Job Description:
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Qualifications Sought:
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Send cover letter and resume by April 22 to:

Executive Director
Champlain Valley AHEC
152 Fairfield Street
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